

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 17 June 2019

Present:

Committee: Karl Jenkins (Chair)
Carolyn Frostwick (Treasurer and Acting Secretary) (CF)
Bill Barrie (BB)
Brian Godfrey (BG)
Stacey Brindle (SB)

Members of the Public - Mr David Tuffs (DT), Mrs Rebekah Budenberg (RB), Mr Tom Price (TP)
Mrs Ann Price (AP) Mr Steve Howden (SH) Sheelagh Shaen-Carter (SC-C)

1 Apologies for Absence

Lyn Easton

Action

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19 April 2019 had been circulated and it was agreed that they were a correct record of the Meeting.

3.1 Matters arising from the Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2019 carried forward in the absence of a quorum were approved and the Minutes signed.

At the AGM held on 20 May 2019 Steve Howden had expressed an interest in joining the Committee. Steve confirmed that he would be happy to join, and the Chair welcomed him to the Committee.

Quotes for the tree work are still awaited – a full survey of all the trees is required and various stumps need treating.

4 Chairman's Report

The Chairman had no issues to raise that are not covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

4.2 Treasurer's Report

Bookings continue at a reasonably steady rate and the expenses so far have not been too high. At the end of the first quarter of the year we have a surplus of some £700.

4.3 Restoration Fund

RB and CF have had a report from the Heritage Lottery Fund specialist in Lincolnshire and have found that due to the change in the HLF application criteria it is extremely doubtful that we will be able to make a successful application.

There is a new overriding, mandatory requirement that at the completion of the project “A wider range of people will be involved in heritage”. As a small Village Hall that is exceptionally well used it is hard to see how we can meet this criterion.

We will need to rethink the strategy for obtaining funding and identify a clear programme of priorities. It is likely that we will have to co-ordinate applications to many different funding bodies to cover each element of the work. It may also be worth considering using professional fund raisers to take the applications forward.

KJ will work with Sheelagh Shaen-Carter to consider the best way to prioritise the many elements of the work and prepare a phased plan.

4.4 Caretaking

Maintenance

- BG presented a quotation from Aldens for various electrical works required. The quote was for £310 (+VAT) and included a new light PAT testing and repairing the emergency lighting. The quote was accepted, and BG will arrange for the work to be carried out. BG
- Ian Dilkes who volunteers to assist is proving extremely helpful. He has rotovated the area close to the front door ready for KJ and BG to consider the next stage in installing the bench. BG/KJ
- A contact of KJ's has been mowing the grounds every two weeks and has been doing a good job. The mower is missing a side plate and BG is trying to source a replacement. DT will advise BG of a supplier for parts. DT
- A start has been made on trimming the hedges. This will be completed when the contractor returns from holiday.
- Maurice Stanton has been dealing with moles that have made an appearance in recent weeks.
- There is still a leak in the roof over the corridor. This is thought to be coming from the main roof and will be a major undertaking to fix. There is a slip hazard which should be monitored.
- Mice are still being trapped.
- The Parish Council mower is now being stored in the shed along with the Village Hall mower.
- DT and BG will remodel one of the outbuildings to make access easier and create more storage space. DT/BG
- Beavers and Scouts would like to create a garden in the corner where the old compost heap was. MG has found volunteers to assist clear the area. They are considering sourcing old tractor tyres to use as raised beds.
- MG advised that the chairs are in an increasingly poor state of repair. It was agreed to investigate the cost of replacing them.

4.5 Bookings

BB advised that bookings continue as normal with no issues being raised.

4.6 Defibrillator

MG confirmed that she had made the usual checks.

The initial training was three years ago, and it was agreed a new training course should be offered. The Sports Club are in a similar position and it was agreed that SB and RB would liaise to arrange a joint training session. The costs will be covered by the defibrillator funds held.

SB/RB

5 Forthcoming Events

No events are planned for the summer. Ideas for an Autumn programme of events would be welcome at the next meeting.

All

9 Any Other Business

Steve Howden offered to take over the secretary role – an offer that was gratefully accepted. CF will liaise with SH for the handover.

CF/SH

BG advised that he has ascertained that the flagpole and flag was donated by John Biggins. The area around the pole has a tendency to flood so BG will check for a blocked drain.

BH

KJ will have the electrical box near the Christmas tree site removed.

KJ

MG advised that there is a large quantity of leaf mould at the back of the Hall. She will investigate having it bagged for sale.

MG

KJ mentioned that there is a large wedding on 6th July. Hopefully it won't overrun and the Ts and Cs will not be breached.

10 Public Question Time

TP thanked those involved with the HLF application and the planning process for their time and efforts.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be on 16 September 2019 at 7:45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:58pm