

# Whitchurch on Thames Village Green Committee



## AGENDA - Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Greyhound Public House 8pm

Present: Lindsay Austin, Alistair Aitchison, Tim Close, Steve Rogers, Adrian Dixon, Maureen Stovell, Nick Bolton, Linda Close

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Jenny Welham.

### 2. Approve minutes of Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December

Committee approved the minutes as true account.

### 3. Fund raising activity

TC has completed the Sport England Small Grants Programme application and awaits a small number of fields as to the applying body. JW already working on to provide these details. Once this provided TC will upload. The application is for £10K. AA will review this prior to submission.

TC mentioned a "Protecting Playing Fields" application which opens again in mid-February. TC will apply for this as it opens. This offers grants up to £50K.

SR updated the group on the "Landfill" fund. It currently only provides grants up to £2K (which will move to £5K in the future). Grants are available to support projects which offer energy saving. So SR recommended we apply for this in the event of a clubhouse being built.

NB asked LA to resend the small trust and individuals. NB will then draft letter. TA offered JW's services to administer the mail shot.

LA to send out the emails NB has missed.

MS updated Committee on possibility of running a Lashings event. Lashings make their money by auctioning things, so they are keen to have high numbers of attendees. We can add our own stands and stalls around the event. Lashings have their own tent selling Lashings merchandise. We no longer have to provide the £6K deposit. Last time the school closed at 12 and the children came out on to the cricket field and interacted with the Lashings players. This provided photos for the press. Prior to the event MS ran a stand at a Yattendon event so children from Bradfield and other schools also came down.

MS suggested we should ask the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to open the event. TC mentioned his involvement in the Pangbourne and Whitchurch Colts provides him access to some cricketers for the team to play Lashings.

Cricket finished around 5pm then dinner, then band played until midnight. You can charge for people to enter the ground. People have to be taken by corporates who are into cricket. Charlie Ellison has offered he would ask his brother Richard Ellison to play for the village.

Discussed right date for Summer 2012 event. Settled on either 21 June or 5 July 2012. TC to confirm cricket team availability with MS ASAP. MS will then confirm availability and booking with Lashings. Discussed target should be to raise £25K. Once the date has been secured, marketing of tables must begin now.

Need for a Lashings sub-committee was discussed. MS suggested breaking down the Lashings event into each activity area for discussion at Lashings special meeting to scope the event and its activities at 8pm on Monday 30 January 2012 at The Greyhound. AD to find out possible band availability.

AA updated on a number of other possible fund raising sources – “50:50” football fund which offers grants up to £1K. AA has to provide some further details on the football club. This would pay for goalposts, nets and concreting in the posts (total for this is £715 + VAT). This is the football club applying for the money. The Football Club also has matched funding of £1K in the bank. AA also mentioned a number of other funds. TC will forward details of Sport England application to AA to check with Oxon football co-ordinator to see if there are other funds we should be applying for (e.g. FA’s Football Foundation Build the Game fund source). AA to report back at the next meeting.

#### **4. Grants Sponsorship**

This is covered in point 3 above.

#### **5. Quotations**

LA has been getting 6 previously provided quotations for work to the car park and the football pitch. MS has offered to help to get the final price down from the short-listed contractors.

#### **6. AOB**

Charity Status. LA raised the point we may be better off if we register as a Charity. LA to ask JW to look into the process to apply to be a charity.

Jubilee Picnic will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> June. LA pointed out we should avoid this day for any Lashings event.

#### **7. Date of next meeting Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.**