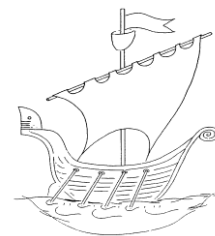


Whitchurch on Thames Village Green Committee



Minutes of Village Green Meeting Monday 19th August 2013 Village Hall 8pm

Present: Councillor Cllr. H. Ainsley, Mrs. Lindsay Austin, Dr. Stephen Rogers.

1. Apologies for Absence

Jenny Welham Parish Clerk.

2. Elect Chairman.

Lindsay Austin A nominated Harvey Ainsley to be chair of the VG committee and this was seconded by Stephen Rogers. However, it was agreed that this should be ratified by email confirmation of those members not present at the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to email non-attendees to ratify nominated Chairman Harvey Ainsley.

3. Approve minutes of Meeting 3rd June 2013

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved for the nominated Chairman to sign.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE – review and agree

Harvey outlined that it was important the VG committee had an agreed terms of reference and that these were ratified by the PC so that there was clarity on the role and remit of the VG committee and that this would form the base of any funding requirement from the PC. Comments had been received back from Adrian Dixon which would be incorporated and submitted to the PC before being formally signed. **ACTION: Clerk to finalise TOR and submit to PC for comment and approval.**

5. School Sports Day 2014

Lindsay said she had been asked by the school if they could hold their sports day in 2014 on the VG including marking out some lines etc on the grass for the sports events. The committee were agreeable to this request on the understanding that the school would need to organise the line painting, replace any paint supplied by the FC or CC and make sure it did not encroach close to the cricket square. The committee would also advise the CC to make sure they had no significant objections to this event. **ACTION: Harvey to liaise with David Mattimoe so that CC aware of plans; Lindsay to feed provisional response back to the school.**

6. Replacement Pavilion Project & Funding

The committee discussed the potential replacement of the existing cricket pavilion and tea room as the next major project noting that the next submission date for a grant from SODC was April 2014 with potentially up to 60% of the cost of the

project being funded from that source. However, prior to that there were a number of other elements that would be needed including the size, style and budget of the replacement building, planning permission and other funding sources whether via grants, private donations or fundraising. While not insurmountable the committee felt that it was not possible at this stage to commit to a 2014 timescale and that there may be a better chance of overall success to ensure these other items had been properly researched and instead aim for 2015. In summary therefore, the committee agreed to targeting a date for a new pavilion by end 2015 and in the meantime to pool all existing information on grants and third party funding to see whether an earlier completion was feasible.

ACTION: Harvey to co-ordinate information

The committee also discussed the idea of a new public fund raising initiative. The feeling was that this would need some corporate backing to have a good chance of success given the low public response to the proposed Lashings event the previous year. Additional publicity may also help to raise awareness locally of the project and funding needs which may assist either with private donations or wider corporate support.

7. AOB

None.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed. **ACTION: Clerk to circulate dates.**

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed.....Date.....