

# Whitchurch on Thames Village Green Committee



## Minutes of meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> DEcember 2011

Present: Lindsay Austin, Steve Rogers, Tim Close, Adrian Dixon, Maureen Stovell, Jenny Welham  
Parish Clerk.

1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Alistair Aitchison, Nick Bolton</p>
2.	<p><b>Funding – Grants and Fund Raising</b></p> <p>Grants already committed are SODC £14K this grant will be paid once the ownership cooling off period is final, so around end of January early February 2012.</p> <p>First target area for grants/funds is the Trusts, Nick is dealing with this initially.</p> <p>Tim is investigating two grants, one from Sport England, should have update for next meeting. Steve is looking at £2K Landfill grant, Alistair has sent an email to apply for a grant of approx £5K, to the Football Association but the application will need to come from Whitchurch on Thames AFC.</p> <p>Lindsay proposed a discussion regarding the type of fund raising event that should be run in the summer. There needs to be a plan of what projects need to be carried out, approximate costs, these then need to be prioritised and a timeline set. The 12 bay car park is first on the list, then the Junior Football Pitch, benches, dog waste bins, Lindsay to create the list. The current Pavillion will need replacing, it was agreed that this would be a longer term project, over the next 5 years.</p> <p>Sponsorship is another area, the plan will need to show approximate costs of each item so potential sponsors can pick from the list the item/project they wish to sponsor. There have been responses so far from Davis Tate and Richard Wilson Solicitors, both have expressed an interest to sponsor but no amounts have been committed.</p> <p>Maureen gave an overview of “Lashings” this is a company she had used for a very successful fund raiser for the school. Following the discussion all agreed that Lashings would be the best approach for the summer event, there will be a cost to pay to them, Maureen agreed to begin the process and apply to Lashings for an available date. Tim suggested that Jim Wheeler becomes involved and also to try Bradfield. Lindsay asked if suggestions for involvement can be brought to the next meeting.</p>
3.	<p><b>Transfer of Ownership</b></p> <p>Lindsay explained the “cooling off” period which was an aspect of the planning agreement. The period finishes at the end of January 2012.</p>
4.	<p><b>Parish Clerk Role</b></p> <p>Lindsay explained that Jenny would be involved for sending out grant letters, minutes, and general admin, it was felt that the role will evolve as time goes on. Jenny took the action to deal with the Charity Commission to Get the Village Green Group set up as a registered charity, and also to look at setting up the Bank Account.</p>
5.	<p><b>Committee Vacancy</b></p> <p>Maureen agreed to join and was duly co-opted onto the Committee.</p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>AOB</b> Lindsay will revisit the quotations she received some time ago for the work to be carried out, Maureen suggested that we push the contractors to carry out the works for “cost” and offered to deal with this. Marketing for the event will need cover the main theme, it was suggested that this be fund raising for a new Pavillion.  Next Meeting Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2012 8pm Room in Greyhound Public House