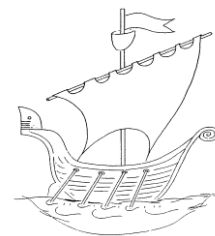


Whitchurch on Thames Village Green Committee



Minutes of Meeting Monday 19th November 2012 Village Hall 8pm

Present: Councillor Lindsay Austin, Cllr K. Brooks, Maureen Stovell, Alistair Aitchison, Adrian Dixon, David Mattimoe, Jenny Welham (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Steve Rogers.

2. Approve minutes of Meeting 16th July 2012

Approved.

3. Finance – Update.

The Clerk circulated an up to date breakdown of the expenditure so far for the village green and also details of the outstanding quotes awaiting orders. There is very little funds in the VG bank account and the Parish Council have paid for the majority of the works.

It was agreed to proceed with the landscape planting as the PC had agreed the recommendations made by Sally Woolhouse of WOTHabs. The Clerk had also spoken to SODC and got agreement that the planting was changed to a native species as recommended by Sally.

The quote for the Iron work was question, and the Clerk will check with SODC if this can be changed to post and rail fencing as this will greatly reduce the cost.

Quote for the Soak Away drain is still awaited, Clerk to chase.

Lindsay asked people to list the type of things they would like for the VG, and David suggested that a process they used at the Cricket Club should be adopted, that people if they have an idea go and investigate it and the costing sand then present it to the committee, this approach was agreed by all.

Alistair said that next year when the pitch and cricket ground are all being used we will have a clearer idea of what is required, he is looking into the details for the Football club.

Suggested items,

Signage – directional one from the High Street saying “Sports Field” for visiting clubs.

One in the car park with the “rules” i.e, no lighting of fires, no horse riding, etc.

Benches

New Pavillion

Lindsay and David will look at old plans they have for such a building, grant applications will need to be sourced for such a large project.

4. Football Pitch / Car Park – update.

The pitch has been mown. FTS will now come and lay some winter fertilizer. Another cut maybe needed before the end of the year depending on growth. Should be ready for play by the Spring. Line marking will be required and Alistair suggested that astro turf be placed in the goal mouths as this prevents over wear and tear on the grass. He is investigating the costs and will look at various grants. It will be the Whitchurch FC Training Ground.

Ball retrieval from the horse field. Following conversations with the owner it has been agree to have 3 sections of post and rail fencing erected so people can climb over to retrieve balls. The cost is approx £100. It is hoped volunteers and the field owner offer to help erect when required next year.

5. Fund raising activity, Grants, Sponsorship, Hiring.

Ideas were discussed, it was agreed that to try to get monies from residents it was preferable to ask them to “sponsor” a tree or a bench rather than just a blanket plea for donations. Lindsay to draft something.

Alistair will check with the FA re grant availability, David will also check with the Cricket Authority. Stephen has some applications passed to him from Tim he can update at the next meeting.

BP was suggested as worth approaching, also there are still post Olympic funds available.

It was agreed at this time there is nothing to actual offer for hire, this will be reviewed when the Pavilion is replaced.

6. Website

The VG has its own page on the village website, it needs updating to remove Tim’s name. Clerk to update with cricket fixtures list when received.

7. Matters arising not on the Agenda.

None.

8. Date of next meeting Monday TBA.

Next Meeting Monday 21st January – Venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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