



## Minutes of the Committee General Meeting

Held at the John Pygram Pavilion, Thursday 20th July 2017

Present: Jerry Wells (JW), Bill Norman (BN), Dave Nightingale (DN), Dave Curtis (DC), Paul Pates (PP), Chris Richards (CR), Helen Finbow (HF)

Apologies: Jemma Kingsbury (JK),

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### Finance and regulation

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

As of 26/04/2017 - Barclays current account	£3,006.54
Barclays Base rate	£105.50
Virgin Charity	£17,977.63
Cash	£105.96
	<b>£21,195.63</b>
Outstanding liabilities	Field rolling £150 est., Mower's servicing £100 est.
Outstanding income	Nil
Committed future expend	Hand dryer to children's toilets £250 est., Kerry's Hedge cutting £250, Pavilion Hall Floor refurb. £200 est., Play equipment post RoSPA £300 est.
Reconciled total balance	<b>£20,445.63</b>

In the debrief on Fun Day **BN** pointed out that the unfavourable weather had an undoubted impact on the activities with less people recorded on the gate and a diminished use of the Bouncy castles and this was inevitably reflected in the net profit which nevertheless amounted to £1400.

In a general discussion about the event people observed that the newly re-introduced activities such as the Tug o' War and the Egg Throwing had attracted a healthy participation even if they did not provide an effective contribution to the fund raising efforts. People attending with stalls had expressed satisfaction with the afternoon's proceedings and the desire to return another year.

In light of the considerable effort involved in the organisation of Fun Days those present agreed that in order to afford some respite such events be organised every 2

years going forward. It was also agreed that the DFPFA would invite the VHC to make use of the playing field and Pavilion to organise a summer event in the intervening years. In this way it was hoped that the organisational workload could be better shared across the community and at the same time it would be a way of guaranteeing that Wethersfield continued to enjoy a Fun Day on an annual basis. It was proposed also that Matt Suckling be approached with a view to him leading the organisation of the Fun Day given his clear ability in organising his live music festivals.

Action: JW to contact VHC and Matt Suckling.

JW thanked BN for his report.

#### PAVILION BOOKINGS REPORT

DN reported that on balance bookings continued at a good rate pointing out only that where the private party bookings were down on previous years the regular activities such as Karate were on the increase.

### Pavilion Complex

#### PRE-SCHOOL

Report deferred to next meeting in the absence of a representative from the Pre-School.

#### WORKING PARTY OVER SUMMER RECESS

The following tasks were identified for attention during the week Aug. 14-18:

- Main Hall floor refurbishment
- Main Hall skirting boards re-paint
- Toilet walls cleaned and/or re-painted
- Burning of green waste
- Playground repairs (including installation of rubberised matting around green climbing frame)
- Notice Board repair

Action: BN, DN and JW

#### GENERAL MAINTENANCE

DN reported that:

- Faulty Fire alarm had been fixed
- Ash trays needed a solution to cover the front access holes before mounting in position.
- Circular tables' 'anti-collapse' system is in the process of being done
- hand dryer in the children's toilets still outstanding.

Action: DN

## **Playing field**

### **ERECTION OF A SINGLE LARGE GOALPOST AT ONE END OF THE FOOTBALL PITCH**

JW and BN agreed to to this at the end of the cricket season.

### **EASTERN BOUNDARY FENCE REPAIR**

JW thanked DN and BN for their prompt repair work.

### **PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP FIELD BORDERING EASTERN BOUNDARY**

JW was pleased to report that the previous move to include the neighbouring field in the new BDC Local Plan had been voted down at the last Full Council meeting. He pointed out that this did not prevent the developers from making applications but the Local Plan once implemented would nevertheless act as a significant deterrent in future.

### **RESIDENTS USE OF THE CAR PARK**

JW informed those present that the owner of the large minibus/camper van which had been parked in the car park for a few months had removed it after receiving a DFPFA written request to do so had been delivered by DC.

It was decided to carry out a final clean up of the space formerly occupied by the recycling units and to also remove the two trees which were either dead or very nearly so. A decision as to how to properly refurbish the ground to increase car parking capacity without incurring a large cost would be taken later in the year.

## **A.O.B.**

### **NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

JW informed the meeting that Parish Councillor Richard Burge was on the verge of launching a new community website and was in the process of making the Beta version available to key users within the community for testing.

### **PAP TESTING**

BN was pleased to report that 33 items were tested out of which 2 were failed and subsequently repaired. A pass certificate had been issued.

## **Next Meeting:**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at the Pavilion**