

**Minutes of the Group Meeting
Held on Monday 6th March 2017**

Present: Malcolm Baker, Amanda Baker, Robin Clee, Jane Hedge, Kieran Wellard, Robb Evans, Richard Simcock, Matt Lawrence, Julie Mumby, Henry Thacker

Apologies: Kerry Watson, Jill Skelley

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no amendments necessary.

MATTERS ARISING

Malcolm introduced Matt Lawrence who is joining the committee as Chairman, Julie Mumby and Henry Thacker who are joining as parent representative

1. Hall / Building Renovations

Malcolm has identified a supplier of UPVc windows for conservation areas and has spoken to the Parish Council who have no objection providing the appropriate channels at the District Council are contacted.

Malcolm to contact Oliver Scott to discuss. Oliver Scott is the District Conservation officer. We may have to pursue Planning Permission.

2. Fund Raising

In December Amanda organised a Bag pack in Morrisons and raised £1105 after giving the store a donation of £100 for their charity. Amanda would like to thank Kieran for his help on the day as he was essential to the success of the smooth running of the bag pack.

In January we had a Quiz night organised by Amanda and raised £750 with 53 people attending.

Jill has secured £500 from HSBC as part of their matching employees voluntary work scheme.

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
November	59	7	61
December	123	72	54
January	20	46	88
February	18	100	26

3. Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as at 31st January 2017

Current Account £614.23

Savings Account £4940.84

Expenditure Nov – Jan.

Gas	£127.84
Electric	£45.46
Gift	£10.00

Income Nov – Jan.

Interest	£0.77
Bag Pack	£1105.00
Hall Hire	£664.50
Quiz Night	£750.00
HSBC	£500.00

3. Section Reports

Beavers Report

Our Beaver Colony is full with 24 people attending. The Waiting list is full until summer 2018. We are working to get the Chief Scout Bronze award for the older Beavers. They have visited the Police Station organised by Mark Burrell. We are going to do the Roald Dahl unexpected challenge costing £1.50 per person which includes lots of badges. We have been very creative making LAVA lamps and are planning a activity session with a Parachute. A fun night was had when Imageskool came in to do a demonstration. Kerry is planning a Walesby Camp in June.

There have been some behaviour issues which have been discussed with the parents who were apologetic. Malcolm advised using the Behaviour Policy to record the behaviour issues.

We have some Young Leaders helping with the evening activities.

Cub Report

Liz Lewis left in January leaving Robin short of Adult support. Steven Adshead joined the leadership team in January which has helped a great deal. Steven was a Cub at Coddington when Jane was Cub leader. We are planning to do more outside as the weather improves and a PGL camp in April. The Cubs enjoyed the visit to Jump Zone in Grantham and an informative visit to ASDA where we were taken behind the scenes. Our leadership team is helped by the Young Leaders.

Robin will be stepping down in the summer as Joshua will be moving on.

Scouts

We have a very young troop with young Patrol leaders which is causing behavioural issues at times. They all had a great time on the Winter camp where snow was on the ground. The Scouts had a cooking night where they made Spaghetti Bolognaise which was judged by Amanda. We have been out on Sconce Park doing wide games and a night hike. The first part of an Emergency Aid course has been completed. Looking to Scarefest on October and a back to basics camp sometime.

Explorers

At the beginning of the year we saw Nicola leave due to personal differences. Alan came back in as Asst Explorer leader.

We had 2 Explorers go to Fire and Ice with the District, we have 4 Explorers doing the Monopoly run in London. The district explorers visited the Fire Station, and are planning a hike from Collingham to Newark ending up at a local Chip Shop. Plans are being made to go to Gilwell 24 in July by train.

4. Group Scout Leader

The group is performing well. There is no space on the waiting list for Beavers and limited space in Cubs and Scouts.

We are the second biggest group in the district, Balderton being the biggest, despite having one of the smaller halls .

5. On-going Projects

- The Fire Plan is now in place. The register is still to be completed. It was agreed that Fire Drills for all sections should be undertaken at the beginning of each term. **Registers still need to be completed and details of the drill noted accordingly.** This needs to be updated following the rewiring of the hall - ongoing
- Another volunteer maintenance date needs to be organised.
- Malcolm advised that the roof and gutter need to be cleaned out.
- Amanda suggested a Copper Collection Challenge and showed an example of the money tin she thought would be good to use. This was well received and the committee approved the purchase of 100 tins to be distributed throughout the group. This idea has been changed to have the section members make the money boxes.
- Malcolm said he would register the group for the Community repair scheme so we could get some paint for the hall. Still to be done.
- Alan recommended that we push to use easy Fund Raising. This is a scheme where donations are made by online retailers when goods are purchased on the Internet. Alan is using this through work to build funds. An area of the notice board has been cleared for Alan to use for second hand kit and uniform. This needs to be watched to see where it goes.
- Malcolm will contact the new person in charge of the church to try to organise a regular church parade each term. Jane mentioned that Coddington is getting a new Lady Vicar.
- Gates to be organised for the rear of the building to make it secure for young people camping – Wooden not metal
- Malcolm has boarded up a hall window which has begun to crack following repeated impact from Balls.
- Amanda to be informed when booking camp equipment in and out to avoid clashes with hall hirers.

- Malcolm asked if we could sell the Table Tennis Table and snooker table as they were taking up room and do not get used. Not objections from the committee. To be advertised
- Bank mandates are being sorted out. Contact addresses are being realigned with current section treasurers. Kieran to be put on as signatory for both Scouts and Explorer accounts. As we currently do not have a Secretary which is required by the banks, Malcolm will act as Secretary to sign the papers.
- The hall needs to be swept at the end of each meeting to leave the hall clean for the next user. In process
- Kelly Heywood is qualified as a level 2 athletics coach and can assist where required.

6. Any Other Business

- The garden is looking good, Philip and Janet Waller have offered to clear the garden of weeds.
- Julie Mumby has secured for us to be Charity of the month at the Turquoise Teapot on Bowbridge Road, we need a presence during this time.
- We need a Quarter Master to help with the Equipment after a camp.
- St Georges Day Parade , Malcolm to walk with Beavers.
- Malcolm would like to consider Graffiti art for the inside of the hall when we get it decorated.
- Both the Beaver and Cub sections have excess funds which will be used to help with the replacement of the windows.
- Sections should be contributing to the group running costs, gas and electric, as we fund levels are looking healthy.
- Some activities were discussed for the summer as a group.
- Some local companies were discussed as being generous with donations if we approach them. Needs further work.