

## **Minutes of the Group Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

Present: Mark Burrell, Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Robin Clee, David Hedge & Jane Hedge

Apologies: Kerry Watson, Dawn Thorne, Andy Ellis, Adrian Leggett.

### **AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Correction to Section 4 Scouts report. Should read - The Scout Master received a text message of the complaint and visited the parents of the boy at their home. Malcolm discussed the situation with Richard Moyses - District Commissioner.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **1. Hall Renovations / Building Renovations**

The west path has been completed. This brought to light the condition of the soak-away which was repaired.

Owen Wilby is our preferred builder as in the past he has been the only person to submit a quote when requested.

Thanks to Alan Gosling and Amanda Baker for unloading and spreading the bark chipping on the front garden. This helped the village win the Best Kept Village competition.

Malcolm will look into sorting the gates out for the front of the grounds.

The next project is to replace the main hall lights. Following difficulty in finding an electrician to do the work Malcolm has looked into the requirements and found that they can be replaced by a competent person. Malcolm will get this done before he returns to work.

The fuse boxes are not in line with current regulations and need to be replaced. Adrian Leggett has indicated that his brother -in-law may be able to help with this.

The broken pane of glass in the equipment room has been replaced.

#### **2. Fund Raising**

Encouragement for parents and family members to join the 200 Club continues.

Cubs parents are joining the 200 club.

Rag Bag collection is on-going with £109 received from the last load.

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

Sept: 1st - 62            2nd - 56            3rd - 68

Quiz night date to be confirmed

### 3. Treasurer's Report

#### August & September

##### Current Account

Credits	Transfer	£1000	
Debit	BG - Gas Bill	£56.05	
	BG - Electric	£89.73	
Balance			£1620.66

##### Savings Account

Debit	Transfer	£1000	
Credits	Interest	£0.68	
	Gift Aid	£951.50	
	Dog Club	£375	
	Yoga	£156	
Balance			£3796.02

### 4. Section Reports

#### Beavers Report

There are 25 Beavers with a full program planned until Christmas. The parent rota is well subscribed. The Beavers are going to GO APE during the October half term.

The Beavers will be going to the Big Weekend for a day visit in May 2015.

There are plans for the Beavers to camp in the school grounds on 13th / 14th June 2015.

#### Cub Report

A good start by Adrian who is overseeing the evenings assisted by a parent rota. Amanda is carrying out the administration and Malcolm doing the basic planning. Anne Burrell is willing to help if required.

The Cubs are going to PGL at the end of October.

The Cubs are planning to attend the Big Weekend in 2015.

#### Scout & Explorers

There are currently 12 Scouts attending the Friday meetings with 2 senior Scouts attending Explorers.

There are currently 3 Explorers due to be invested, this makes a total of 5 in Explorers.

The canoeing course has been postponed to Spring due to the lack of flood lighting at the venue.

The Scouts will be camping at Alton Towers on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and enjoying a day in the park.

Alan is looking into a fund raising film night in half term and another car wash which will help to pay for the camps.

The Scouts are also attending the Big Weekend in May 2015.

The Scouts are hoping to have a stall and tombola in the town center when the Xmas lights are being turned on. They are completing the application forms.

The Scouts are looking into an organized event for October 2015 in Derbyshire where there will be opportunities for rock climbing and abseiling from bridges among other activities

The Explorers are organizing the Beavers camp at the school.

The subs for Explorers will start being paid into the Explorer account from Feb 2015 after capitation.

#### Duke of Edinburgh Report

Andy has changed the structure with the training being carried out at Explorer meetings. The District D of E team will provide support for the expeditions. They are currently busy with 7<sup>th</sup> Newark.

## 5. Group Scout Leader

The compass project is still on-going the suggested transfer date is now November. Compass is now live but has problems. We will not fully change from OSM until all the problems are resolved.

Malcolm welcomed Mark into his new position as Chairman.

## 6. On-going Projects

- The equipment shed roof is loose, Malcolm had to refit a piece following some high winds. This needs to be addressed. **On-going.**
- Prices for powered cool boxes are still being investigated. The best type to suit the group's needs is still also being investigated. These are still being looked into as the power supply has to be correct
- Group contact details need to be updated for emergency use. **On-going.**
- The fire plan continues to be worked on. Smoke detectors are now fitted. Malcolm has completed the documentation regarding regular inspections. A register has been put at the hall for each section to record attendance of both young people and adults for role call in the event of an evacuation.
- David Hedge mentioned the possibility of the group purchasing a video camera for recording camp activities. Need to consider contacting local organisations for donations. **Still Under Consideration.**

## 7. Any Other Business

- Quiz night preparations continue.
- Jayne Hedge offered her thanks to Amanda on behalf of the Village Hall for accommodating their hirers while their renovations were ongoing.
- The plans for a gate from the village hall to the ground behind the Scout Hall need to be submitted for planning approval. This has been previously discussed and although is not essential will benefit the village.
- The replacement of the Scout Hall tables was discussed. Malcolm has obtained quotes from the web for just over £1000 for 14 table and 2 trolleys. These tables are around the same size as our existing ones. There are some slightly bigger ones but the requirement for the extra space needs to be assessed. It was suggested to make the next quiz night fund raising for this project. The Village Hall and Golf Club are also looking for new tables. We may be able to get a better price for a larger order.
- Malcolm is completing the PAT testing course and looking for a suitable piece of equipment. The cost of this equipment is quite high so all avenues are being explored.
- There are a number of old tents in the store which are no-longer used. It is recommended to dispose of these in order to better organise the equipment that we do have.
- David Hedge stated that he thought the new dining shelters were a good investment as they were a good size and lighter weight.
- Malcolm stated that he could see his vision of the parent helpers moving through the group taking effect with good support in Beavers and Cubs.
- Other scout groups are inquiring about using our hall. We have Flintham carrying out an expedition challenge stopping overnight and one of the county nominations for the Jamboree doing a Cycle round the county to raise funds also stopping over night.
- Alan asked for the top for the Union Flag to be purchased before the Remembrance parade.