

Minutes of the Group Meeting

Held on Tuesday 31 March 2015

Present: Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Mark Burrell , David & Jane Hedge, Adrian Leggett

Apologies: Kerry Watson, Dawn Thorne, Robin Clee, Alan Gosling

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

Apologies were received from Alan Gosling for the meeting on 27th Jan 2015

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations / Building Renovations

Malcolm has had further discussions with the vendor with respect to a front gate on the East entrance, 2 gates on the West front entrance, security gates either side of the hall to secure the rear grounds. Waiting Quote.

Malcolm has asked Owen for a quote to rebuild the West Wall end to support the gate, this will involve rebuilding the end of the wall as it is falling apart. A quote has also been requested for the repair of the frost damage to the walls.

Mark said he would obtain quotes for the complete rewiring of the building. Malcolm and Mark to meet at the hall to confirm requirements.

Heat Haus were called to reset the heating controller as it had failed to the heating ON position.

2. Fund Raising

Encouragement for parents and family members to join the 200 Club continues. There has been a good uptake by the Beaver and Cub parents. Further encouragement is needed towards the Scout parents. This is still ongoing.

Rag Bag is still being successfully driven forward by the Cubs and Scouts. We are getting more response and it is becoming a useful source of income.

It was confirmed that we are not able to call door to door as we would need a licence.

The next Quiz Night will be held in July.

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

February: 1st 15 2nd 65 3rd 72

March: 1st 49 2nd 29 3rd 75

3. Treasurer's Report

February & March

Current Account

Credits	Transfer	£3000	
Debit	Music Licence	£109.62	
	British Gas – Gas	£590.61	
	British Gas – Electric	£102.00	
	Capitation	£2218.15	
Balance		£475.51	

Savings Account

Debit	Transfer	£3000	
Credits	Capitation	£2853.00	
	Dog Club	£405	Hall Hire
	Lone Wolves	£204	Hall Hire
	Sue Wood	£168	Hall Hire
	Danielle Ward	£288	Hall Hire
	Interest	£0.89	
Balance		£5726.845	

Jill asked that all books be passed to her for the annual review. Amanda handed over the Cubs books.

The Bank mandates were reviewed:

Group Account – added Mark Burrell

Cubs Account – added Adrian Leggett

200 Club Account – added Mark Burrell and Dawn Thorne

4. Section Reports

Beavers Report

Robin will continue to stand in for Kerry until the summer.

There are currently 24 Beavers. There have been a couple of Badge Nights with Hilary frost – ACC Beavers – attending the first one. There are 6 Beavers moving up to Cubs at Easter. Malcolm has been in touch with 5 of the new starts for Beavers and still trying to contact the last one.

There are still some spacers in Beavers for after the summer.

Cubs Report

There was a badge night on the 26th March with Richard Moyses presenting 39 activity badges and 3 Chief Scout Silvers.

The Fire Station Visit has been cancelled following a clash with a school activity.

The Cubs are currently working on the Astronomy Badge and making a planetarium.

It was planned to have an evening hike the first week back but this was reorganised as the planetarium was not completed before the Easter Break.

Matt Lawrence gave a talk on the development of his career through his training, flying fast jets and into piloting commercial jets. The Cubs were very engaged.

There is a water sports activity planned.

A visit to the power station was cancelled as there is still work ongoing around the site. Mark offered a visit to the police station.

Scouts & Explorers

The Scouts have been completing some night hikes.

The Explorers are planning an overnight stop at the hall for the Beavers.

5. Group Section Leader

Compass is still off line following a security review. It is likely to be offline for a while. The sections should continue using OSM as before.

6. On-going Projects

- Malcolm continues to monitor the state of the equipment shed roof. The loose section has now been repaired by Owen Wilby
- The priority of purchasing powered cool boxes has dropped away slightly; this will be reconsidered at a later date.
- The emergency contact details are in the process of being updated. All Cubs details have now been updated but some Beaver and Scout details remain outstanding. Most have now been received. **Ongoing.**
- 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. This has been updated as we have an additional Extinguisher and smoke detector. **Ongoing.**
- The purchasing of a camcorder is still being considered. Looking for the justification as most people have the ability to record on their phones. **Ongoing.**
- The plans for a gate from the Village Hall to the ground behind the Scout Hall still need to be submitted for planning approval. Malcolm has not heard anything regarding this. **Ongoing.**

- The committee agreed to the purchasing of tables for the hall. **Malcolm will arrange for these to be purchased in May when we will be able to dispose of the old ones.**
- Malcolm has completed the PAT testing course. Now looking for a suitable and not too expensive test tool.
- It was agreed by the committee that the date of 16th May should be set as the day when all parents are asked to volunteer a small amount of time to assist with the upkeep of the property. Refreshments will be provided.
- David highlighted that the grass cutting rota will need to recommence in March. Mark has agreed to take this on.

7. **Any Other Business**

- Plans for the clean up day on May 16th:
 - Need a Skip on the day for waste
 - Need paint for the railings
 - Need Chain Link Fence materials
 - Need PVA for sealing the interior walls
 - Need materials for the repair of the Pioneer pole rackA budget of £600 was agreed by the committee for the Days work.
- Jane Hedge offered to paint the toilets, an offer which was welcomed.
- Need to look into the disposal of the waste tyres and scrap metal.
- Mark to get quotes for the external painting of the building.