



Minutes of Meeting 16th March 2010

1 Welcome & Apologies

1.1 Apologies

Cathy Williams

1.2 Present

Rebecca Kennelly (Chair), Malcolm MacInnes, Chris Hall (Safety Officer & Vulnerable Persons Officer), Sarah Whittaker (minutes), Helen Camper, Joe Weston.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

- Chris's PAT testing is happening 23rd March (it is not completed as yet). The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.

3 Matters Arising

- Gas testing will be this Thursday.
- Hall hires during Cathy's 'leave' have been covered.
- BCOT Liaison meeting is tomorrow. We would like an update on parking in Queens and Alexandra Road (BCOT asked us to provide details of students/staff parking in these roads and this has been done) and student's playing football in the hall car park again. **Action: Chris** to get an update.
- BVS and BCA agreed a table 'swop' for events this year.

4 Greening

We watched a presentation by www.greening-campaign.co.uk. There is a project pack for how to launch this for a community. Terena Plowright from the Greening Campaign gave the presentation supported by Lucy Martin (climate officer) from BDBC.

We agreed that it sounded good and we should get involved but are nervous of no one being interested and attending. We would need other organisations to support us. We will take a decision at our next meeting after we have talked to other groups: **Action: Sarah** Toddler Group and Youth Group, **Malcolm** Essex Road Church, Army Cadets **Helen** Fairfields School **Rebecca** Kings Furlong School, Mosque, Brownies **Joe** Friends of Loddon Vale Parks, **Chris** BCOT and Coffee morning.

5 Councillor's Report

No reports.

6 Development Sub Committee Report

- The next sub committee meeting will be attended by Ellie Evans of Planning Aid (organisation to assist community groups in planning matters) and 'the snow' and the Green Route will be discussed.
- The group will also looking at Section 106 money and cycle parking in the Mall.

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7 Blurb

- Front page will be decided at the next committee meeting but probably Brookvale in Bloom. Will try and include the final plan for Victory Park.
- Malcolm will try and include some information on Martin Lee. **Action: Malcolm** will email him.

8 Vulnerable Person's Officer Report

- Nigel (Shaw Trust) owes us about 5 hours work. He has suggested trimming the hedge behind the hall, we are all happy with this.
- We are happy with Chris's update to the Vulnerable Person's policy. **Action: Chris** will update the policy folder.

9 Treasurer/Hall

- Cathy sent the following reports in advance of the meeting:

Treasurer's Report

Balance at 28/2/2010

£awaited

There is about £600 to pay out this week.

the new radiator is on order, a sign on the east wall is on order and a grit bin of our own for the next snow – I am asking BDBC to source & install at cost, as they did with the dropped curb.

Sarah has also spent the grant for better play equipment for the Toddler Group.

Our grateful thanks to Ron.

I have requested the insurance payments in by the end of our financial year.

Hall Report

1. Thanks to Malcolm for more great work on the Blurb!
2. lease renewal, nearly there- sent to BDBC, copy to Rebecca
3. Gary 2 is continuing the electrical update. Flood light replaced – full of water.
4. The PAT test & gas inspection is due – Chris is looking after this.
5. The Brook House panelling – It would be good to get his story from Rex Everett – can anyone document?
6. Village Greens – I have queried whether we would be wasting money trying as they are already “protected” by BDBC so would be turned down.
7. I will arrange for ceiling sealing and redecoration. Despite the notices, the main door was always shut- in fact the notice disappeared. Concern for recurrence during continuing freezing weather
8. The mela idea is dropped as we have enough to do. Unless someone else wants to follow up?
9. We still have the old microwave. Helen has kindly said she may be able to dispose.
10. **Brookvale in Bloom!** 4 residents signed up. **No** “launch & demonstration” day. **Closing date 30th June, judging 9th/13th July, Prizes 24th July**

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Decision – do you want the tray garden and flower arranging? BDBC has agreed to print flyers again, either as insert to Blurb in May or as a MiniBlurb delivery in June.

11. A Punch's Picnic is planned in Glebe on 25th July. Lots of Punch & Judy and other displays & stalls. We may be asked to provide participants parking at the Hall

12. We still need a replacement lockable 4 drawer filing cabinet. We will keep checking Freecycle etc. It would be nice to find some with a timber finish.

13. Having looked at the entrance construction, it may not be possible to replace with a motorised roller shutter.

14. We need to look at replacing the stage. Moving it to accommodate the Panto is speeding up its deterioration. And broke the stage lights switch again! Any ideas/ contacts are welcome. A stage **is** needed, and a flat wall surface for video etc projection is also needed. I have found a supplier of segmented staging each folding flat to remove when necessary.

15. The Mayor invitation for the Green Fair has gone in. We won't know the outcome for a while

16. Millers Ark mini zoo has been booked. Friends of Loddon Vale Park are applying for a grant towards the cost as it is part of the Victory Picnic in the Park. This will include

Facepainting

Punch and Judy

Circus Skills

Celtic Chris - story telling and music

17. Please can Malcolm give me a list of Green Fair attendees so that Friends don't duplicate the invitations?

18. Petology has been replaced by Hoop Exercise.

19. As I said, I cannot take any ad hoc Hall bookings from 26th February. Existing bookings are covered – thanks Joe!

20. In the absence of a volunteer plumber, I will book a commercial one whenever I return. Unless someone else wants to take this on? No volunteers from BCOT yet. Please empty the bowl under the sink.

21. I have discussed with BDBC putting an earth bank by the Village Hall to prevent parking. (The FOLVP would like to plant some bulbs on the bank), lifting the undergrowth at the western edge of the car park

22. Refurbishment of Victory Park starts in September, at the eastern end. I think Joe has seen the plans.

23. Cars with BCOT parking permits parked in the streets have been sent to BCOT. If they cannot get into their carpark it implies that non-permit holders are taking the space. There seems no practical way to "share" street parking.

24. The name for the green route with most votes is THE LODDON TRAIL. HCC will probably decide on something completely different! I will confirm the prize due- more to follow.

- We agreed to Cathy's proposed new hall hire charges. **Action: Sarah** to put the new charges on the website and new Hoop Exercise group.

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- The bank balance is £10,642.46.
- We would like to know what the BDBC protection is for our parks (Village Greens).
- The Multi cultural forum is doing a Mela so we no longer need to consider doing this.
- The microwave is gone.
- We agreed that there should be no tray garden competitions due to lack of interest.
- Rebecca will look for funding for a new stage but this will be later in the year.
- We should be looking at replacing the cane chairs with something comfortable but more stackable at some point.
- Only potential duplication between Green Fair and FOLVP invitees to Green Fair/Picnic would be Octopus, Brownies/Guides/Scouts/Cubs etc. FOLVP should cover these invites under 'children's activities'.

10 Secretary Report

- Action: **Sarah** the website needs a general update.
- Action: **Sarah** post Greening on Facebook.
- A resident sent through concerns about crime in the area and asked what they can do. Sarah will forward the item to Chris who can reply with how to get involved with the police forum. Action: **Sarah and Chris**.

11 AoB

- All agreed 'no' to bottle banks in our car park – mess/access/space etc. We will suggest the turnaround by the bottom of Morrison's pedestrian access. **Action: Rebecca**
- All agreed not to do Proteus mid summer play, doing enough this year. Malcolm will book the Christmas Proteus pantomime.
- Approval to spend £75 on a town crier for the Green Fair was given.
- Green Fair visiting speaker will probably be the same person as last year. There may be a small fee. This was agreed.
- Posters for Green Fair/Picnic need to be produced asap as the Council have a long lead time.
- Chris to ask Disability Forum for volunteers for meeter/greeter etc for the Green Fair.
- Maintenance list needs toilet seat in disabled and graffiti on meter box added.
- Playgroup are using the smaller clothes rail so this has come out the cupboard. Toys in committee room will be gone soon (the pile is getting smaller each week).

12 Dates of Next Meetings

Management Committee meeting: Tuesday 13th April 2010 7.30pm Brookvale Village Hall, Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm 2010 Brookvale Village Hall.