



Silverdale Village Institute

Established 1908

Registered Charity No. 1014665

Spring Bank, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 0RJ

Minutes of meeting of Trustees held on Thursday 5th February 2015.

Present; T Houghton, T Bond, T Stothert, A Woods, C Greenall, A Burrows, C Kettlewell, J Holden, A Fletcher & 5 members of the public

Apologies; P Craxford, M Woodbridge, S Hackett

1/ Minutes of meeting 11th December; Agreed as correct, prop by A Fletcher, Sec by T Bond

2/ Matters arising;

- i. Art Trail. Agreed for PTA & SVI to work together in providing activities on field.
- ii. Open Gardens. Plans going ahead for this, half the money raised will come to SVI.

3/ Treasurers Report; No expenditure in January. £146.22 income, including £60 from 2 snooker memberships. Current balance is £10, 766.41
Audit of accounts has been completed.

4/ Members of the Public; contributions from 4 individuals about the increase in snooker membership fees. Many will not pay the £30 and have gone elsewhere. They believe that an increase of 200% is unreasonable. Ask that as a major contributor to SVI income this should be reduced. They are not willing to have a representative as a trustee.

5/ Snooker Revenues; There has been little take up of membership following the increase in January. This presents a number of issues about whether to continue maintaining the tables or removing them. Agreed to write article for parish magazine stating the situation and a final decision will be made at the March meeting.

Action JH/TB

6/ Handbell Ringers; Amount of £70 had been paid into our account prior to letter indicating rise in rent. Agreed to accept that and also write indicating that rent from 1st September 2015 would be £10 per week for the 26 weeks they use hut. Failure to pay that would be taken as the Handbell Ringers no longer wishing to continue use and by telling them that now the formal notice period will have been served.. Also agreed that the letter would formally indicate that the handrail is dangerous and requires immediate attention. Alternatively, we would have the work done & send the bill to the Handbell Ringers. **Action JH/TS**

7/ Statement for Ombudsman; Draft paper had been circulated previously. Agreed with slight amendment. This will now be sent off. Trustees asked to keep this matter confidential pending resolution. **Action TB/TS**

8/ Kermesse; TS gave an update on this event, which will bring income and attention to the SVI. There is an Open Meeting for the public to discuss it on Thurs 26th Feb.

9/ Plans for the Field; This had been the topic of debate at a special meeting in January when the agreed format was decided. TS felt that without providing a full size tennis court then funding streams from the LTA may be compromised. Trustees agreed that the protection of the green space is paramount and alternative funding should be sought. Plans formally agreed. These will now be drawn up, public presentation to be given at the AGM. TS has found source to get sketches/drawings of SVI modernisation drawn up
Action TS

10/ Access over land; Mr & Mrs Atkins had written requesting access for electricity connection to the substation. Work to be done by Electricity Board. Wire would come from their property in to the field to connect to a cable running along edge of field. Agreed

11/ AOB; The AGM will be in April, with a presentation of the proposals for the playing field beforehand.

12/ Date of next meeting; Thursday 5th March, 7.00pm.