



Silverdale Village Institute

Established 1908

Registered Charity No. 1014665

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

Minutes for Institute Committee

11th January 2018

Present: Terry Bond, Alex Finch, Geoff Dyer, Andy Fletcher, Philip Craxford, Graham Orr.

Apologies: David Brown, Chantell Greenall, David Sandiford, Angela Woods

Committee administration

1. Minutes of previous meeting.

From Nov.

Court case - no news. Windows are in.

No news from Hand Bell Ringers Still waiting for a date. Terry will make a formal request in Feb if no prior communications have been received.

Ann has started as cleaner with excellent results. Thanks –

Snook table has been removed and sold.

Toilet twinning done images in loos – Guatamala – funds raised elsewhere.

2. Matters arising therefrom

No matters arising.

3. Treasurers report

Furness building society – small grant of £150.00 Terry Bond is processing this.

4. Accident Book

No accidents

Agenda Items

Invitation for members of the public attending to comment on any matters listed below:

Please Note: Members of the public are invited to attend and witness the meeting. At the discretion of the Chair they may be invited to ask questions or comment at the appropriate point on the agenda. Unruly or offensive behaviour members of the public will be asked to leave and the meeting may be closed to the public

1. Tree Survey

A tree in back gone down – John Bennet notified us. 2 x neighbours chopped up and bought back to field. Thanks, from TB for their efforts.

No survey has taken place of trees on lane. Big trees are under a TPO – Coppiced smaller stuff has already taken place. Tree and site survey £295.00 + VAT H&S. is key. Question of responsibility - Is it Parish council responsibility? Ownership is with SVI. But there was a suggestion the SVI is village amenity and thus under the auspices of PC. PC could be written to request grant for them to remunerate.

2. Condition of boundaries

Walls are still in poor state of repair. Party wall with Atkins is in danger of falling in to field. Question of ownership of the wall. Deeds need to be consulted to find out. Idea to find apprentice or other groups to undertake work. Should include widening of top gate for vehicular access.

3. Grants

Knock back for ramp. Veronica has added it to Orsted body for funding. This requires match funding £2718 match funding. £800 match funding for kitchen (decision in March). Go with funding attempt was agreed.

4. Arts Trail – Music venue

Clarity required from ladies as to if they want to run café. There is a music event on Saturday. We can then clarify what is available for artists. Suggestion of marquee on field for extra space.

5. Any other business

Discussion of hatch through to kitchen. Thought to be too difficult.

Pursue getting container for storage. Suggestion that we might be able to get one (20ft) for storage. Suitable for non-perishables.

Suggestion that it would be good to own a marquee for extra space in summer. Request to keep an eye out for marquee if one became available.

Discussion of coordination of events as many in the village – thanks to players for moving date because of clash. Suggestion as there are some large events going on – would be good to organise a coordination meeting. There was a suggestion that there were similarities in some event and that other bodies could undertake sympathetic events or actions such as in keeping with a theme.

State of floor – Suggestion that a polish of floor boards or sanding and polish would improve the look of the SVI. Sealing may be required to avoid drafts. Lift the lino to see what condition of floor is.

Advertising – parish magazine will be getting an article from Terry Bond – Andy Fletcher is also sending in an article about the music evenings. Use coffee morning Fridays such as a laminated sheet with information of future events.

West Moreland Gazette – A further letter will be sent to WMG in order to build on and advertise further. Next month – suggestion of finding people who may wish to perform something other than music. i.e. acts and sketch alternatives or may be cabaret? It was suggested also that there might be an opportunity for members of players to do smaller (more intimate) performances. Suggestion of Lancaster Guardian also being contacted for interest piece as previous coverage had been unflattering.

Letter from Sec to say thank you for fund raising to players.

Snooker cues – keep expensive. Dispose of rest.

Next meeting. 22nd Feb 2018

Thank you.