



Silverdale Village Institute

Established 1908

Registered Charity No. 1014665

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

Minutes of meeting of trustees held on Thursday 11th April 2019

Present; T G Bond, A Fletcher, R Redman, D Brown, C Greenall, A Finch.
Apologies ; P Craxford

1/ Minutes of last meeting; Minutes of meeting on 5th March were accepted.

2/ Matters arising; Chimney: Andy F raised this matter. He stated that he was upset over the process of decision-making in respect of this, believing that his instigation of a vote was valid and that there had not been a vote prior to this. He felt that an element of trust had been lost. TB restated how he had come to the decision and listed the dates of emails voting in that matter. Chernobyl Children: AndyF also raised this matter, believing that we should provide a free hire for all children in the village.

3/ Treasurers Report; It was acknowledged that Alex F had done a great job and his report to the AGM gave our current position. At 31/3/19 - current a/c £12,992, Reserve a/c £1328 & cash £523 There is £10k grant included in this figure.

4/Accident Book; nothing reported

5/ Members of the public; There were 3 members of the public present, but no-one indicated a desire to speak.

6/ Election of Chair; Terry Bond, proposed David B, seconded Ruth R.

7/ Election of Treasurer; Alex Finch, proposed by Andy F, sec by David b.

8/ Election of Secretary; no one came forward for this role. Will be raised on next agenda.

9/ Building updates;

a/ Ceiling. This is on hold at present until DB and PC can discuss the lighting & wiring. This needs to be in place prior to the ceiling work starting. At present we do not have sufficient funds for all of the lighting project. Funds for ceiling work have been given by Thrift Ladies.

b/ B4RN. Need to check on costing for service, whether a discount will be given for charity. AF to do.

c/ Ramp. DB had gone to look at a plastic ramp which could possibly be adapted for use here. It does not have handrails and therefore could be problematic with insurance. May be worth checking this.

d/ Stairs to loft. Andy F raised this again, accepted that there are not funds for this at present.

e/ Wall. The DSWA wallers had been here over the previous weekend, and done a splendid job. They are willing to come back to do the other section. The gate had also been widened as agreed previously. This had been at no cost apart from providing refreshments [receipts for this given to treasurer for reimbursing to JB,RR & NB].

f/ Bellringers hut. Noted that this was now down & in skip ready for collection. The space will need resurfacing to allow parking.

10/ Review of Standing Orders; This was brought forward by TB with some ideas for changes. It was not expected that a decision would be made tonight but at next meeting to allow trustees to consider amendments.

11/ Grasscutting; It was noted that the grass had been cut recently, unsure who had done this. AlexF to check if contract from last year had been continued. *[AF checked & it is the company from last year who will continue to cut, costing to be sought].*

12/ Charity Bookings; Following the request from Chernobyl Children, it was open for discussion as to a policy was needed, perhaps to limit number of bookings, who to, etc. After some discussion it was agreed that a policy was not required, each case to be treated on its merits, priority given to Silverdale children.

13/ AOB

a/ Fire extinguishers. Noted that the licence had run out. Andy F agreed to contact Castle Fire regarding these.

b/ Fire Assessment. DB has been working on one, Andy F to assist him.

c/ Recognised the efforts made by retiring trustees and thanks were given to Angela Woods & Graham Orr.

14/ Date of next meeting; There being no urgent matters, the next meeting is scheduled for Thurs 6th June.

Items for agenda at next meeting; Standing Orders review, B4RN, election of secretary, recruiting trustees