

Beare Green Community Association Meeting

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Trustees Present: Pam Marsh (Chairman), Maria Young (Secretary), Alan Smallwood, Merv Young, Margaret King, Sandra Howard, Sue Millard, Steve Campbell

Residents: Lisa Ryan

Associate Members: Michelle Watson

Apologies: Joan Wigham, Angie Love, Pauline Brown, Barbara Steadman-Allen

Welcome: Pam opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Lisa.

Minutes of last meeting: Signed as a true record

Matters arising:

Shingle outside kitchen door -The plan was to add a mix of concrete to the shingle to prevent the stones from being thrown all around. Mole Valley has advised us that this might increase the risk of flooding in the kitchen and it would be better to put honeycomb with grass.

Gift Aid – Pam has been unable to contact Peter Hewitt to see how this is progressing.

Treasurer's Report

Current account £3,546

Deposit account £18,583

Petty cash £ 292

There are no outstanding bills.

Bookings – no report

Village Matters

Michelle said that Capel Parish Council have been approached by Ockley Parish Council with a request for funding to enlarge the parking provision at Ockley railway station. Capel Parish Council have asked for more details about the project including the possibility of self-funding by proposed car park charges. Members present felt that if charges were to be introduced in Ockley it would encourage more people to come and park at Beare Green. The introduction of the double yellow lines is already pushing more of the parking towards the middle of the village. Alan enquired if Mole Valley have any powers to insist that

Network Rail increase the parking at Dorking by building a second tier to the existing car park. Michelle replied that the Council have no such powers.

On another matter Michelle reported that several cars in the village have been broken into. Capel Parish Council are asking people to ring 101 or go to the police website and report any incidents. This is to enable them to have evidence to submit to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Neighbourhood Development Plan – this is to be voted for on 23rd November 2017.

Turners Wood – Michelle has requested chippings for spreading on the paths. Gatwick Greenspace should be coming at the end of November to work in the woods.

New Water Main – Clancy Docwra have done a fantastic job with the installation of the new main – it was agreed we would write a letter to the Dorking Advertiser – Maria to do this.

Maintenance

Car Park Lights – Merv said that the lights are now on the winter settings.

Heating – the heating is now on in the small hall for winter. Joan will remind hirers to turn thermostat down after use.

Front Door – Merv has been contacted by Dorking Glass who will be fitting the new doors – they had been in contact with the Fire Officer to discuss the panic bars on the doors. There will be a single handle on the master door but no handle on the slave door. There will be finger bolts top and bottom to secure the slave door. Both doors will be able to swing both ways. Pam said that we will need 26 keys for the trustees and regular hirers.

New screen and projector – Merv has received an approximate quote from Trident Brighton – the screen will be just over 3 metres wide and they have suggested it is sited on the wall opposite the kitchen hatch. The hardware is £3,135, cost of installing £1,560 a total of £5,640 inclusive of VAT.

Audiotronic Sutton require to visit the hall to take readings for the speakers and audio loop and submit their part of the quotation.

Matters arising

Trustee rotation – Maria said that she and Merv would be standing down as Trustees at the AGM – according to the Charity Commission rules one third of the trustees have to stand down each year. Pam also announced that she will be stepping down as well. We are going to need to recruit other people from the village to get involved and hopefully some will offer to be trustees. All present said they would ask around and see if anyone is interested. It was decided that it would be a good idea to invite anyone who shows an interest to our next meeting on 7th November and use this as an open evening showing what we do.

Donation from SES and Clancy Dowcra – after discussion it was decided to use the money to clear the overhanging trees at the top of the footpath in Highland Road – this will make it easier for the bus get round and make it safer for pedestrians coming out of the footpath. Margaret agreed to contact Daniel Elliot for a quote.

Ceiling in the main hall – Alan is in the progress of looking at different options.

Anti-social behaviour – the trouble with the local youngsters climbing on the roof seems to have stopped. It was agreed that we would go ahead and buy the cages for the cameras to prevent the lenses from being turned inwards. Alan agreed to order the cages

Forthcoming events

Jumble Sale 14th October 10 – 12 noon – we have received confirmation from Mole Valley that we will be able to take the left over jumble to the community recycling centre. Jumble set up Friday 13th October 6 – 8 pm. Maria said that the Textile Company are booked to arrive at 12.30 pm Saturday. Maria and Merv will do posters and the banners. We will need cakes for the refreshments please.

Sandra and Sue are considering organising a Table Top Sale – provisional date 11th November 2017.

New Year's Eve – Sandra asked if there was going to be an event on at the hall. In order for this to happen we would need someone to organise it. Sue and Sandra said they would look into the possibility of organising it.

Date of next meeting

7th November 2017

7.45 p.m.