

Beare Green Community Association Meeting

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Trustees Present: Pam Marsh (Chairman), Maria Young (Secretary), Angie Love (Treasurer), Steve Campbell, Sandy Horvath, Sandra Howard, Margaret King, Sue Millard, Paul Mott, Alan Smallwood, Merv Young

Community Representatives: Michelle Watson (District Councillor), Lisa Ryan (Parish Councillor)

Members: Gordon Howard

Apologies: Pauline Brown (Trustee), Barbara Steadman- Allen (Community Representative, Vicar) Linda Horvath (Member)

Welcome: Pam opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming

Minutes of last meeting: Signed as a true record

Matters arising:

Pam has given a mobile phone for Event use to Sandra.

Gift aid has now been finalised.

Lunch club chairs – Richard is going to stack the chairs in fours the Sunday prior to Lunch Club.

Pond clearance – Paul, Merv, Sandy, Alan and Pam met with Sean Harrison from Mole Valley to discuss the vegetation around the pond and in front of the Village Hall. He is quite happy with the work we are doing and is arranging a boat to clear the cones and debris from the pond.

Removal of concrete ramp – Pam thanked Paul for organising this with the builder – this has now been completed and the area beneath the Defib has also been concreted.

Thanks were given to Angie who is purchasing a bench as a leaving present to the village – it will be placed on the concrete at the front of the hall and secured using the rings in the concrete.

Canopy – Pam thanked Alan for replacing the canopy over the front hall door with help from Andy and herself.

Grant for front hall security – Michelle said that she had spoken to David Munroe and he is quite happy for us to put in an application. Michelle agreed to forward the forms to Pam.

Keypad for internal front hall door – Richard is in the process of arranging this – the first one that arrived was poor quality so he is awaiting delivery of an alternative.

Treasurer's Report

Balances:

Current A/c 1801.94

Savers A/c 13,044.82

Petty Cash 50.00

Paul said the Direct Debit for the electricity is going up to £526 month to catch up with the overdraft – he is going to keep an eye on it over the summer and reduce it if necessary.

Bookings Report

Bookings are good at the moment. Three cycle clubs have booked to come in April/May. Pam will ask Joan to make sure they marshal the car parking to make sure the road into the estate is not obstructed.

Village Matters

Parking on bend on Horsham Road – the hedge has not yet been cut back; this together with the cars parked on the left hand side is making it very difficult for cars leaving the village particularly when some of the cars enter the village well over the 30 mph limit. Michelle said she would ask someone from the Parish Council to come and have a look and Lisa said she would report it to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

Water Fountain – Lisa asked on behalf of the parish council if the BGCA would be interested in having drinking water fountain outside the hall – after discussion it was decided the money would be better spent on eco-friendly light heads for the car park lampposts.

Illuminated speed signs – Michelle said that there are new signs available that say thank you for keeping to the speed limit with grants available from the Community Project Fund – Michelle said she would take it forward with Highways to have the sign replaced.

Village Gateway – Lisa asked if we could look into the costings of this as Maria and Merv had suggested the idea at the Parish meeting. All agreed this would be a good idea – Gordon said it would help to reduce the speed of vehicles outside his house.

Dog fouling – Maria said that there appears to be several dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs. Michelle said she has received complaints from other residents and has contacted the Dog Warden and Environmental Health department and they are planning on visiting the area. Michelle is going to ask Barbara to put an article highlighting the problem in the Parish magazine. Sandy said that in Sussex they supply bags by the dog bins and may this is something we should consider.

Potholes – Gordon said that he had reported two potholes and they were both repaired within the week. Paul said that they have repaired the ones in Merebank and kindly repaired the small one on our drive.

Men's Group – had a successful inaugural meeting where ten potential members attended. The next meeting is on 27th March when Andy Marsh is giving a talk on Air Traffic Control.

Matters to discuss

AGM 17th April – Pam asked Merv to explain about the rotation of trustees. He explained that every year one-third of the trustees need to stand down in rotation, the longest standing first, and new trustees found to replace them. At the AGM we will need to elect a new Secretary who has to be a trustee and elect a Treasurer who does not have to be a trustee. The Chairperson stays in place until the first meeting after the AGM which is on the 22nd May and the trustees then elect a new chair. It was agreed to supply wine and nibbles for the AGM.

Committee Etiquette – Pam requested that if someone is dealing with an issue can all emails relating to it to go back through that person.

Pond & Village Tidy Up – as the previous date was cancelled due to the weather new date Sunday 15th April 12 noon onwards – bacon butties and tea will be provided. Sandy offered to organise who will do what locations and roads.

Health & Safety Issue – Richard has raised a concern re the drawing pins falling out of the notice board in the corridor. Sandy suggested it would be a good idea to replace them with Velcro dots.

A hirer had been concerned that Richard was decorating the hall during their hire time. Richard is to be reminded that no decorating can take place whilst the hall is in use.

Main hall decoration – Richard is in the process of producing a quote for the materials and his daily rate.

Security – Pam said that she has ordered the cages to go over the cameras.

Heating – Paul said that sludge trap should be installed to heating system and inhibitor added.

Ceiling Quotes – Pam said that a local company in Beare Green has offered a quote to lower the ceiling and improve the acoustics – Merv said that he had received quotes from two other companies. Alan had one partial quote and was waiting to hear from another company. After a lot of discussion it was decided that it would be easier if the quotes were included in a spreadsheet and emailed to the trustees for them to compare. All quotes to be emailed to Maria by Saturday evening please.

Any other business

Sandy said that he has been asked by local residents if we are planning to organise anything for the Royal Wedding Day on 19th May – it was suggested that we could provide a BBQ for people to use – the big screen could also be used to show the Cup final. Sandy to check with Joan to see if the hall is available.

Tea dance – Sandra is looking into the possibility of putting this on later in the summer.

Heat pump – Paul is investigating the possibility of fitting a heat pump in place of the two electric boilers which could be sold. There is no capital funding at the moment but there may be grants available in the future.

Date of next trustees meeting

Tuesday 17th April 2018

6.45 p.m. prior to the AGM