

Metcalf Recreation Committee

Committee meeting 26/03/07

Agenda

1. Attendance.
2. Minutes of the January meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Correspondence.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Village hall report.
 - a. Hall redevelopment
7. Ground report
8. Club reports
9. Health and safety matters
10. Any other business.

Metcalf Recreation Committee Minutes of Committee Meeting 29th January 2007

1. Attendance

Name	P	Ap	Ab	Name	P	Ap	Ab
Mrs. A. Hickman	X			Mr. Martin	X		
Mr. Bardsley	X			Mr. M. Boulby		X	
Mrs. M. Boulby	X			Mr. B. Charles			X
Mr. A. Connold	X						
Mrs. A. Elstob			X	Mr. D. Frost			X
Mrs. M. Hall	X			Mrs. B. De Bel	X		
Mr. M. Miller	X			Mrs. J. Miller	X		
Mr. S. Mills	X			Mr. A. Moxon	X		
Mrs. G. Oakley		X		Mrs. J. Pennington	X		
Mrs. V. Plant	X			Mrs. H. Scott		X	
Mr. R. Scott	X			Mr. P. Woods		X	

Changes in membership Barbara De Bel has replaced Mr. MacLagan as Trustee on the committee.

Action secretary to write to Mr. MacLagan thanking him for his input.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings had been circulated prior to this meeting and were approved at the meeting.

The chairman made a formal apology to Mr. Connold regarding comments made at the last meeting

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Correspondence.

Letters received from:-

Everton guides asking for a reduction in this year's subscription.

Action Secretary to write offering £50 rebate.

BG confirming our new electricity contract.

IPI with this year's playground inspection report.

Parish Council with 2008 meeting dates.

Parish Council offering £350 towards the new staging project.

Everton Cricket club asking for increased use of the ground on Sunday afternoons.

The secretary outlined the fee basis for the cricket club. Mr. Mills indicated that he felt the club had disproportionate use of the facilities. Mr. Bardsley suggested that £10 per fixture was a more appropriate fee. The secretary suggested that the membership agreement should be re-written to reflect that the existing Sunday users have priority over cricket fixtures. Mr. Moxon gave the background to the team and the likely level of usage.

Action Secretary to write to Mr. Anthony confirming low priority use of the facilities and setting an increase of £60 for the games.

Letters sent

Parish Council asking for support with the staging project.

The Trust asking for support with the staging project and noting the caretaker's remuneration.

The Trust had not met since the November meeting.

5. Treasurer's report

	Current account	Deposit account	Cash*	Total
Opening balance 26/11/06	400.30	5239.54	43.12	5682.96
Change	-354.76	-786.41	172	-969.17
Current Balance 26/01/07	45.54	4453.13	215.12	4713.79

- Includes £50 float held by Groundsman and £30 float held by Caretaker

Income for the period was £259.59 including £96 in subscriptions, and £138 hall hire.

Expenditure for the period was £1261.48 including; £260 secretarial allowances, £203 on the field (£57 health and safety, £110 cleaning, £33 electricity) and £798 on the hall (£150 H&S, £240 cleaning, £400 heating oil).

Budget for 2007-8

The secretary circulated budget proposals at the meeting. These were broadly similar to last year with a 3% rise for most users. The School will be paying the full amount of their revised field use subscriptions this year.

The budget approved with the further alteration to cricket club fees. Mr. Martin raised concern about closure dates for refurbishment noting that clubs would not have access to hall facilities during the period and that this would affect income.

The budget was approved at the meeting.

Action secretary to circulate new subscription rates with the meeting minutes.

6. Village hall matters

Bookings for the hall remain steady. The boiler has been serviced, sanitary disposal contract renewed and the portable appliance testing completed. John Fretwell felt unable to carry on as cleaner during Dorothy's illness and following his bereavement. Ann, Mick and Richard are covering the work at the moment.

Modular Staging

The school has offered £500, the Parish Council £350, Our committee £1000 and the village players up to £1500 a total of £3,350 or two thirds of the target. The group is still awaiting a response from the Trust.

Stock Take.

The secretary reported back on a recent stock take of equipment in the hall. There is a large amount of cutlery missing and a shortage of large dinner plates. The secretary suggested putting a note in Heds asking for returns before replacing the equipment. Mrs. Boulby indicated that she and Mr. Boulby would take responsibility for finding a source of replacement crockery.

Action Secretary to write HEDS entry.

Action Mr. and Mrs. Boulby to source replacement crockery

7. Ground Report

The work on the ends of the bowling green is nearing completion.

The war with the moles continues, we have now engaged the services of a mole catcher to help Paul.

Playground Inspection

The playground inspection brought up the following significant issues:-

The soil around the edge of the swing safety surface needs restoring to remove a tripping hazard.

A step on the slide bank needs replacing.

The seesaw beam is beginning to rot and may need replacing in 2 to 3 years.

Action Secretary to raise these points with the Trust.

Parish Plan Playground working party.

No action to report

8. Club reports

Cricket

See above, winter nets start in February.

WI

Doing quite well.

Bowls

See above on bowling green, then Sam has some tidying up work to do. AGM is 18th March Tea rooms.

Gardeners

Excellent speakers, but more members please.

Brownies and Guides

No Rep

VP

Are having a rough time, finances are good but lack of membership has lead to a cancellation of the planned February production.

Golden Age

Party is planned

History

Excellent speakers

Snooker

A surge in membership has been experienced.

Football

No rep.

Sports and Social Club

Carol singing was a great success. Sports day date will be set in February.

HEDS

Doing well, a new Harwell correspondent has been engaged.

Tennis club

No rep

Playgroup

No rep. Ann offered to prepare food, also Jane Jones is a food hygiene trainer

9. Health and safety.

The playground safety inspection has been completed. The annual portable appliance testing has been completed. The village hall boiler service has been completed. The sanitary disposal contract has been renewed.

10. Any Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:47

Future meetings

26/03/07, 22/05/07 (Tuesday) 25/06/07,(AGM), 24/09/07, 26/11/07, 28/01/08