

BURPHAM
VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 02 December 2014
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those attending: Paul Challen (Chairman)
Marion Tucker (Secretary)
Val Belton (Treasurer)
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)
Ron Chapple
Heather Birch

Action

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Ed French, Chris Hales, Bob Baynes and Paul Dendle.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014 were signed as a true record.

3. Village Hall

(a) The JDAC (Joint Downland Area Committee) have indicated that they are likely to approve the Committee's application for funding towards lighting improvements in the Village Hall. A final decision will be taken at their meeting on 15 December 2014.

(b) Kevin is still awaiting one of the quotes for the maintenance of the gang mower. The cost is likely to be in the region of £1,500, split 50/50 VC and Cricket Club.

(c) The benches around the recreation ground, and those elsewhere in the village have been checked by Kevin and Val. There are 17 benches in all and several need minor repairs. To be reviewed in the Spring.

(d) Hire charges for the VC and recreation ground will rise to £1,100 (day) on 1 January 2015, as agreed at the meeting held 25 March this year. The charges will therefore be as follows: £1,100 per day for hall and ground, £300 per day for the ground, £25 per hour for the hall.

(e) It was agreed that decorating the interior of the VH would be desirable before the "wedding" season began next year. Ron was asked to obtain quotes.

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4. Planning

Tree pruning / thinning– applications for Wepham Farm Barn, Ilex House, Burpham House, 88 Burpham, Absuma.

Application for shed/ garage for Bumblebee Cottage withdrawn.

Application for detached timber studio for 88 Burpham – withdrawn.

5. Treasurer Report

(a) The accounts are still currently very satisfactory, showing income at approximately £3,000 over budget. This income has been helped considerably by the efforts of the Social Committee at, most recently, the Drip Action evening.

(b) Val has made an inventory of items purchased for the VH in the current financial year, at a cost of approximately £715. Copy of this is attached to the paper copy of these minutes.

(c) A cost of approximately £420 was authorised for a new notice board at Wepham. Paul Challen will put this in hand. PC

6. Secretary Report

(a) A letter has been received from WSCC indicating they will be cutting back footpath inspections from every 9 months to every 15 months. WSCC ask that they are given a list of any parish's top priority paths for clearance.

(b) The blocked drain by the Vicarage has been cleared.

7. Councillor Dendle Report

In the absence of Cllr. Dendle, there was no report.

8. Social

(a) The Drip Action evening on 31 October had been a great success, raising £525 after a donation of £150 to Drip Action. The Social Committee were thanked for their efforts on this.

(b) Saturday 20 December – Children's Christmas Party.

(c) Sunday 21 December – Church Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the VH.

(d) Saturday 21 February 2015 – Shuffleboard Evening.

(e) The first Fête meeting will be held at 7.00 pm in the VH on Monday 19 January 2015.

9. Any Other Business

(a) As soon as one of the "dog poo" bin from the recreation ground is moved to the triangle near Peppering the collections can be re-arranged.

(b) The Estate has cut back the trees overhanging the car park.

(c) (This item was actually dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.) Deborah O'Reilly attended the meeting to talk about the possibilities of creating wildlife garden spaces within the parish. Some suggestions were made, and Marion will pass to Deborah contact details of people who might be able to help. MGT

10. Date, Time and Venue for Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Agreed as a true record:

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for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting