

MINUTES OF BOUTH VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAYGROUND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and VC meeting
BOUTH VILLAGE HALL
22nd April 2013

Present: Mr. J Osborne (Chairman), Mrs. M Hamer (Secretary), Mrs. S Dean (Book Keeper), Mr. D Hamer (Vice Chairman), Mrs. B Osborne, Mr K Dean, Mrs. H Coates, Mrs. E Cooper, Mr R Perry, and Mr M Sharpouse.

Apologies were received from: Mr. and Mrs. R Smith, Mrs. B Hughes, Mr. P Holden, Mrs. L Perkins, Mrs. and Mrs. G Pickles, Mr. and Mrs. A Lovegrove, Mr. D Perry, Mrs. J Hare, Mr. B Cooper, Mr. D Wroe

The chairman John Osborne opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

Mrs. M Hamer asked if the circulated Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 23rd April 2012 could be approved. These were approved and seconded as a true and correct record and accordingly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising:

Two maintenance parties held during the year as planned. The southern boundary wall has been repaired. Moss treatment has been undertaken on a regular basis.

£3 electricity payment is due

The Christmas carols were a great success despite having to be held indoors at the White Hart due to the bad weather. £127.56 was raised and donated to St Mary's Hospice. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs N Barton for their support, supply of mulled wine and mince pies and for allowing the carols to be sung in the White Hart

No parking sign has been put up on the gates at the bottom of the green as requested at the 2012 meeting

Colton Parish Council have agreed one single meeting can be held as requested at the 2012 meeting

A memorial tree was planted in remembrance of May Lambert as requested at the 2012 meeting

A very successful 'Jacobs join' jubilee party was held on the green in June 2012 with a large proportion of the village able to attend.

The chairmen then read out his report including:

Maintenance:

2 x working parties held as normal during 2012/13, grass cut on rota and hedge trimmed as required. No major problems identified in terms of maintenance during the year.

The ROSPA report appeared to have used information from the previous year. If possible Mr. J Osborne will attend the next ROSPA inspection due in August to make sure up dated information used. Mrs. B Osborne suggested we could take our own photographs as evidence of work done.

Thanks to Mr. A Lovegrove for continuing the monthly inspections. These reports go to Mr. J Osborne and the Parish Council and only general issues is controlling moss under the trees, There were no reported accidents.

The re-fencing is now complete and hedge planting is planned for autumn.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support in maintaining the green.

Bookkeeping:

Mrs. S Dean supplied accounts y/e March 2013. We are in funds with a good balance for maintenance. Most of balance for fencing is held by the Parish Council. However as above not sufficient to fund hedge replacement. However there will not be sufficient funds if we need to upgrade the electricity cabling or to replace the Christmas Tree lights (see below)

The Chairman offered the resignation of all the existing Committee members 'en bloc'.

Mr. D Hamer proposed to re-elect the same committee as the previous year 'en bloc'. This was seconded by Mrs. E Cooper.

Electricity Cabling/Christmas Tree Lights:

The electricity supply clearly needs upgrading including fully waterproof plugs. This would need a qualified electrician so we can obtain a certificate of work and might cost in the order of £200-£250. Mr. J Osborne to get an estimate and Mr. K Dean will raise at the Parish Council meeting to see if CPP will fund as maintenance.

These may not be repairable but some further tests are being conducted. If not repairable we will need to raise funds for this.

Fencing Work:

This has been done well and will cost approx. £2,200. The Parish Council which holds the grants received will fund the VAT and BVG will need to provide the balance of £700. It is estimated that the beech hedging will cost between £200 and £250 leaving approximately £250.00 balance of funds. Planting will be undertaken in November by volunteers.

Work Parties:

19th May and 14th October (or following Sundays if wet)

AOB:

Mrs. B Osborne asked if any fundraising was required. It was agreed this was dependent on whether the electricity upgrade could be funded by Colton Parish Council. No fixed plan pending update on this

Marion Hamer, Secretary