

MINUTES OF BOUTH VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAYGROUND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and VC meeting
BOUTH VILLAGE HALL
23rd April

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 G Pickles, MR and Mrs R Smith

Apologies were received from: Mr M Sharpouse, Ms J Hare, Mrs D Perry, Ms A Whytell, Mr and Mrs A Lovegrove

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 22nd April 2013 could be approved. These were approved and seconded as a true and correct record and accordingly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising:

J O stated electricity work was completed during the year as was the replacement of the fence and hedge. The xmas lights were also repaired. 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.

The chairmen then read out his report including:

Chairman's Report

Advisory committee meeting held 24nd April.

2 x work parties held during the year and no major maintenance problems identified. New electricity supply installed. Electricity supplier changed to Scottish Power as all other suppliers required daily fee. Scottish Power also now requires this at 17p per day. Electricity is paid by Direct Debit and accounts sent to Parish Council annually. Agreed JO would investigate if any business accounts did not require a standing charge.

No ROSPA issues were identified during course of year. Thanks to Mr. A Lovegrove for continuing the monthly inspections. Moss is treated regularly. No reported H&S incidents.

The Christmas carols were as always a great success despite having to be held indoors at the White Hart yet again due to the bad weather. £154 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

With fencing work completed hedge was planted by volunteers in the Autumn

Thanks to the Parish Council, clerk and members of the committee for continued support in maintaining the green.

Bookkeeping:

Mrs. S Dean supplied accounts y/e March 2014. We are in funds with a reasonable balance for maintenance. Agreed no immediate need to raise additional funds as no major project planned.

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 Mr K Dean.

Use of Village Green for Wedding May 2015

The committee had already approved the use of the green for this event via letter from Ms A Whytell. Approval has also been granted by the Parish Council subject to a number of conditions including

1. Letter to be sent to all residents – any objections to be made directly to Ms A Whytell
2. Social event should not exceed one day and be on not for profit basis
3. Any income derived to be for the benefit of the Village Green
4. Public of the parish can attend event
5. Not all land on green used for the sole purpose of the event
6. Insurance to be purchased for all aspects other than the standard third party liability which is in place

RS suggested it is ensured insurance covers three days given erection and dismantling of marquees. It was also agreed to inspect pre and post event for both safety reasons and to check for any damage. The area to be clearly cordoned off for the three days and advance notice to be put up of event (by Ms A Whytell)

RS requested JO check if glass is allowed to be used on the green.

Work Parties:

2nd June and 5th October (following Sunday if wet)

Any Other Business

BO stated that the holly tree in neighbouring field is unsafe. Continue to apply pressure to have removed due to possible vicarious liability (note – the tree has since been take down so this item is now closed)

RS stated flagpole needs work – at minimum stripping and repainting. RS will talk to Playdale to see if they would provide a new flagpole as a donation. JO will deal with stripping and repainting if this is not possible. JO will also try to source replacement finial.

RS – requested BVG secretary send letter of thanks to Ron Mein for sterling work in looking after the flying of the flag on the green. MH will action

RP – mentioned photography competition for village greens. Details will be posted on Bouth website

RS – requested committee put request in writing to the Parish Council re the urgent need to repaint the double yellow line as this is a potential hazard if cars park on the road. MH to action by sending formal request to Mandy Lane at Parish Council and will also be raised at next PCC meeting in early May. JO will also contact Cumbria County Council regarding this.

The meeting was then closed

Marion Hamer, Secretary