

MINUTES OF BOUTH VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAYGROUND  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and VC meeting  
BOUTH VILLAGE HALL 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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

Apologies were received from: Mr. B. Osborne, Mr. D Wroe

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

The chairman asked if the circulated Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 could be approved. These were approved and seconded as a true and correct record and accordingly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising:

1. JO stated that it was still a battle controlling the moss, but it was being treated regularly
2. A question had been raised last year regarding use of glass on the green during the wedding on 29<sup>th</sup> May. JO confirmed plastic glasses would be used.
3. Another outstanding item is the repainting of the double yellow line around perimeter of the green. This has been raised the Parish Council and County Council and has been noted. KD confirmed the work is on the highways list and it will be done as part of the next round of local painting. There is no firm date for this
4. Replacement of the flagpole – RS had inspected the flagpole and the wood is actually sound. It just needs repainting and the finial replaced. The intention is to paint prior to 29<sup>th</sup> May if possible. MS has offered to provide a wooden finial but there is no fixed date for this. RS has gold leaf paint that can be applied

Chairman's Report

The chairmen read out his report including:

No major projects completed this year  
Grass Rota in place, 2 x work parties completed and no major maintenance issues  
Moss sprayed on regular basis  
New hedge has taken well  
Thanks to the White Hart for support for Christmas carol event

Will report formally to Parish Council at meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015

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

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 2015. Only £11.99 spent during year. We are in funds with a reasonable balance for maintenance. Electricity bill is due and will be supplied to SD for payment by Parish Council. Parish Council has agreed to do some repair work on coping stones on drystone wall.

RC asked what elements of costs PCC paid. Confirmed that this is petrol, electricity, general repairs – the committee is responsible for projects.

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. S Smith.

JO confirmed that this would be his last year as Chairman. DH offered to take on the role next year if required.

#### Health & Safety Statement

This has been supplied by the parish council. RC offered to read and review. Includes a list of issues for inspection. Query regarding statement on width of slide bars – JO to ascertain if this is an issue or just a comment.

RC queried if there were easily visible instructions on process to report any problems found on the green. **It was agreed add note to noticeboard including Chairman and Vice Chairman Addresses and contact details.**

DH confirmed that there is a H&S statement for working parties. **DH will attach to next relevant email on this as a reminder.**

#### Use of Village Green for Wedding May 2015

- JO confirmed all Parish Council requirements have been implemented
- Agreed prudent to put out some warning triangles on the day to slow traffic – **committee members to action**
- **JO to check if we can obtain any warning notices** that can be strategically placed
- Playground equipment will not be secured on the day
- **JO to request a copy of insurance certificate from Ms. A Whytell for BVG records**

#### Work Parties:

Set for 17<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> October (following Sunday if wet)

#### Any Other Business

1. RS asked if any intention to re-paint goal mouth. JO stated no immediate plans
2. RS queried whether it might be time to cut back or take down the large fir tree as it is in poor condition and out of proportion. It was agreed there would need to be a consultation period especially with homeowners directly affected. This would be an expensive exercise but hopefully the Parish Council could contribute some element of costs. **Agreed that a notice would be put on the noticeboard and on the Bouth website to ask for any comments or objections. This notice to remain for 6 months from date of posting. DH to action**
3. MH asked if there was any need for fundraising this year. There had been a problem with the Christmas lights again this year. KD confirmed the lights have been dried out and only one string is unusable. All agreed a contingency plan would be appropriate. **Action for JO to get an additional set of lights before year end.**

The meeting was then closed.

Marion Hamer, Secretary