

MINUTES OF BOUTH VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAYGROUND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and VC meeting
BOUTH VILLAGE HALL 25th April 2016

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. M Sharpouse, Mrs. J Hare, Mrs. B Osborne, Mr. R Smith, Mrs. S Smith, Mr. P Holden, Mr. K Smith, Mrs. J Smith

Apologies were received from: none

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

The chairman asked if the circulated Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29th April 2015 could be approved. These were approved and seconded as a true and correct record and accordingly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising:

1. Yellow lines beside village green still outstanding. Parish Council has talked to County and has been raised with election counsellors. Mr. K Dean confirmed it has been logged by County as a task
2. ROSPA inspection – comment made regarding the slide bars being narrow but did not require action
3. Wedding held in June 2015 was successful and without an issues
4. Parish Council meeting changed to 9th May
5. Outstanding item to purchase additional set of Christmas lights. All agreed should be done. Mrs. J Hare to supply lighting website address and Mr. D Hamer will purchase.

Chairman's Report

The chairmen read out his report including:

No major projects completed this year
Grass Rota in place and grass cut on regular basis
2 x work parties completed and no major maintenance issues
Moss sprayed on regular basis
Play area shackle fittings replaced – paid for by Parish Council

Pine tree has been removed. Thanks noted by the committee to Mr. N Croasdell for his help to action this

Thanks to the White Hart for support for Christmas carol event

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 2016. BVG is in funds to sum of £521.43. No expenditure by BVG committee. Parish council paid for routine maintenance.

Committee Structure:

The Chairman offered the resignation of all the existing Committee members 'en bloc'. Mr. J Osborne confirmed he did not wish to be re-elected.

Mr. D Hamer volunteered to take on Chairman's role and this was agreed by all.

The vice-chairman role is currently vacant as no-one stood for election (note – subsequently agreed Mr. R Coates will take on this role)

Work Parties:

Set for 22nd May and 23rd October (following Sunday if wet)

Any Other Business

1. Mr. R Smith asked if any intention to re-paint goal mouth. Mr. D Hamer confirmed this would be done on a working party Sunday
2. Mr. M Sharphouse advised that Underfield House and estate has been sold. It is therefore not guaranteed we will be able to obtain a Christmas Tree for the village green from this source
3. Mr. M Sharphouse also advised the signs for the village hall were ready. It was agreed that there was no need to paint the lettering as the carving was excellent and clearly visible
4. Mr. J Osborne queried if the coping on the wall needed work. Mr. K Dean confirmed that regular inspection by Mr. A Lovegrove and the ROSPA inspection had not raised any concerns so no action needed
5. Mr. D Hamer advised that funding for the Bouth defibrillator will be routed via the village green to the Paris Council in order to hopefully access remainder of required funds from Rawdon-Smith charitable trust. A brief history of Rawden-Smith was requested by Mr. M Sharphouse for those not familiar with the charity. Mr. D Hamer explained that the charity owns the bed of Coniston water and charges Jetty payment raising approximately £90,000 per annum. Mrs. S Dean confirmed an amount of £74.77 had been collected via the donation box and bottle. This will be donated to the defibrillator fund, but only if needed. A short discussion was held regarding who/how the defibrillator would be accessed in terms of setting a security access code. Mr. K Dean to check any insurance requirements with the Parish Council
6. Mrs. M Hamer queried the fact that there had been no expenditure during the year. It was agreed it was important for individuals to be reimbursed for any costs and they should be encouraged to do in order for running costs to be accurately calculated. Mr. D Hamer advised he was happy to collect receipts and manage. Mr. K Dean advised it is important that any receipts have a VAT number so Parish Council can reclaim.

Mr. D Hamer thanked Mr. J Osborne for his work as Chairman. The meeting was then closed.

Marion Hamer, Secretary