

MINUTES OF BOUTH VILLAGE GREEN AND PLAYGROUND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and VC meeting
BOUTH VILLAGE HALL 24th April 2018

Present: Mr D. Hamer (Chairman), Mrs M. Hamer (Secretary), Mrs S. Dean (Book Keeper), Mr R.Coates (vice chairman), Mr P. Holden, Mr J. Osborne, Mrs B. Osborne, Mr M. Sharphouse, Mrs E. Cooper, Mrs H. Coates, Mr K. Smith and Mrs J. Smith

Apologies were received from: Mr G. Jowett, Mrs L. Jowett, Mrs J. Hare, Mr R. Smith, Mrs S. Smith, Mr R. Perry, Mrs D. Perry, Mr A. Lovegrove, Mrs P. Lovegrove

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

The chairman asked if the circulated Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 10th April could be approved. These were proposed (Mr R. Coates) and seconded (Mr P. Holden) as a true and correct record and accordingly signed by the chairman.

Matters Arising:

1. Mrs B. Osborne queried if Mr I. Scrimgeour would be able to provide plants for the stone bins this year. The chairman confirmed that he would.

Chairman's Report

The chairmen read out his report including:

- Grass Rota in place and grass cut and hedge trimming carried out on regular basis
- 2 x work parties completed
- Maintenance work carried out on a number of areas of the stone wall to cement missing coping stone back into place
- Work to convert the two stone bins at the top entrance into flower beds completed. Thanks to Mr I. Scrimgeour for providing marigolds for these
- SLDC stopped emptying the bins early in 2017. They wanted £200 per year to empty them on a weekly basis. After discussions with the Parish Council it was decided to empty bins and dispose of waste ourselves. This has been carried out on a regular basis during 2017-18
- Some repair work undertaken on the safety surfaces (concerns were raised last year) using tarmac to smooth out the problem area. This is a simple and inexpensive solution and will be used elsewhere when needed. Safety surfaces were not raised in the RoSPA report
- Main items on the RoSPA report were re-cementing loose stones on kickwall and wear on some of the chain links on the swings and Burma bridge. These were inspected and do not require immediate replacement. A number were replaced last year that were badly worn. Coping stones have been re-cemented
- Thanks to Mr. A Lovegrove for continuing the monthly inspections. No reported H&S incidents. Mr R. Coates queried how often the accident book was checked and it was agreed to do this on a more regular basis
- Thanks to the White Hart for support for Christmas carol event which again due to bad weather had to be held inside
- Thanks to Paul and Rebecca Kenyon from Underfield for providing the Christmas tree for the green
- A second set of lights has been purchased to replace those that failed half way through the 2016 Christmas period

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

Bookkeeping:

Mrs. S Dean supplied accounts y/e March 2018. BVG is in funds to sum of £661.13 and BVG Parish funds stand at £65.74. Any expenditure by BVG committee has been receipted and paid. Parish council paid for routine maintenance which is up this year as there were 2 x years charges for the lawnmower servicing. The chairman remarked that £200 per year from the Parish Council is sufficient for general maintenance but would not cover a major expenditure item such as replacement of the safety surface.

A donation of 1p and 2p coins from Old Hall Farm raised £23.84

Committee Structure:

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

Mr J. Osborne proposed committee be re-elected which was seconded by Mrs E. Cooper

Work Parties:

Set for 13th May and 21st October (following Sunday if wet for October)

Any Other Business

1. The chairman confirmed there would be a village green party on the 19th May to celebrate the royal wedding and the FA cup final
2. Mrs B. Osborne asked if we should consider getting a composter to demonstrate commitment to recycling. It was felt that this might be a Health & Safety issue with children playing and would require some maintenance. It was agreed not to progress this. Agreed to add top dressing at Autumn work party as soil is becoming thin
3. Mrs E. Cooper mentioned that the catch on the noticeboard is broken. The chairman will look into getting this repaired
4. Mr R. Coates asked with regard to frequency of electrical inspections given biggest risk would be to volunteers. Chairman advised these had been upgraded 2 x years ago but he would look into a check in the near future.
5. Mr J. Osborne advised that there were some loose stones on the external wall at the junction. The chairman will look to get these cemented back into place
6. Mrs M. Hamer suggested we buy some new plants for the green to fill a few spaces. This was agreed and would be discussed at the May working party as to most suitable plants and positions

The meeting was then closed.

Marion Hamer, Secretary