

BECKINGTON MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: 8th August 2022 – 7pm
Main Hall

Management Committee

1. Present and In Attendance

David Prince (chairman), Sara Coffield (secretary), Stan Wilson, Mike Collins (vice chairman)

Also in Attendance

Jeanette Hurst, Roz Serle
Suzanne and Robin Chillman (playground sub-committee)

2. Apologies

David Norman (Treasurer), David Costello, Hannah Drury, Floor Holmes

3. Minutes of July 11th meeting

The minutes were accepted by the committee.

4. Matters Arising.

Voneus Broadband

DN has reported a delay on installation until the end of the year.
MC reported good personal service from Voneus at his home in Rudge.
The committee revisited the BT option and suggested it might be wise to pay £1000 installation fee if it gets the job done.

ACTIONS:

MC to make enquiries on delay with Voneus as he is already a customer and has connections.
DN to revisit BT quote as back up plan.

5. Finance. DN report.

DN was unable to attend but emailed an update to the committee prior to the meeting:
“There is £552 of expenditure for our electrical safety inspection. Other than that, there hasn't been any unusual expenditure. We've received over £13 in interest for April to June. So a vast improvement, but still nowhere near covering our monthly account fees. Booking income is down, but it always is over the summer months.”

The 200 Club Draw was postponed.

6. AOB

Hall inventory

There was recently a complaint about the hall inventory not matching the details on the website. The last inventory was done in 2017. A few members of the committee have volunteered to update things.

ACTION: SC to screenshot the inventories on the website and book an Inventory Party in main hall and Clifford Suite on 9th Sept from 10.30-12.30

Water Boiler – Main Hall

There has been a complaint about the water boiler. SW reported that it is perfectly functional for the regular Lunch Club but could be considered a bit furry and in need of replacing.

7. Next meeting 12th September.

Working Committee

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4. Maintenance / Defibrillator

DC is on holiday at the moment but emailed the committee prior to the meeting:

"I think I will be able to complete the repair to the top of the wire fence soon, Roz has volunteered her husband to help me. I have had no luck in getting quotes for the replacement wooden fence yet, but I have contacted a handyman/gardener that I know. I think he might be an option; he is a very good worker and I think would be much cheaper. My medics didn't really express a preference about the choice of defibrillators. We are buying at 'the basic end' of the market, so they will all do a very similar job.

Maintenance Report

SW handed DP the report done by DC prior to the meeting and concluded that there is nothing major to attend to.

Clifford Roof Update DP

There was a hole knocked out of the Clifford Suite roof, exposing the timbers recently. DN asked Arron Morgan (scaffolder) to fix it and he did so promptly.

5. Events.

The committee discussed the decline in fundraising events and ways forward. DP invited a programme of events going forward.

Fireworks

DC has had to pull out of leading the fireworks evening because of work problems.

It was suggested that DC could liaise with the parents of young children to see if they want to organise something but it was pointed out that this would have to be in September as school's out for the summer. The general consensus seemed to suggest that returning the fireworks might be the best way forward.

ACTION: DP to contact DC and suggest a return and refund

6. Facebook/ Network AGM Date

HD was unable to attend the meeting but emailed an update to SC prior to the meeting:

"Nothing to report re: Facebook. No more volunteers to join our sub-committee for the play area that I know of. Will let you know if I hear anything else."

ACTION: JH to add AGM and no chairman / wifi to Network

7. AOB.

Defibrillator DC

ACTION: DC to advise at the next meeting

Play Area Committee SW

DC relayed that the cost of replacing the play park was approx. £85,000!

DP invited the committee to decide on how to proceed and suggested a play park sub-committee.

RS suggested that if that is the way forward, the sub-committee should find out what the community want first.

ACTIONS:

DP to ask HD to coordinate the sub-committee.

Piano Protocol FH

The committee agreed that the piano is not for hire to the general public but with exceptions at the committee's discretion.

ACTION: MC to compile a protocol

Clock

DN has ordered two clocks

Projector

ACTION: RS to email DP with an update on the best projector for the hall

Dishwasher

ACTION: DP to send SW the contact details of the dishwasher serviceman again as the hall owe him money

8. Next meeting:

12th September / 10th October / AGM – 24th October

ACTION: SC to make sure the AGM is booked in