

Minutes of the Horwode Pece Management Committee
Held on 10th September 2009 at 8 The Green, Great Horwood

Present: Michael Brocklehurst Cathy Holland
David Bolton Liz Nicholls
John Nicholls Mike Hobday
John Gilbey

1). Apologies

Jeannie Marshall

2). Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes approved and signed by Mike B.

3). Matters Arising

Gates are still pending. The chain keeps being moved, we need to monitor this and try to ascertain whether vehicles other than Tuckwells are going in to the Rec.

David Rowlands: No response to letters, emails and the phone rings out. David will go and knock on his door to ask about his donation.

Mike B still has the spare chain-link fencing, he will drop it down to the Rec before he goes away so we can organise a day to erect it where there are still gaps across to Mr Watt's land. We have two more volunteers for the Equipment Check Rota, they are David and Christine Keating. As far as the checklist is concerned, it was agreed there could be a couple of boxes fine-tuned to meet our requirements.

The BBQ doesn't appear to have been used (though it may be that disposable units were used and cleared away leaving no evidence) The summer has not been the promised one!

Mike B noted that there is rubbish – cans notably, being thrown in the front hedgerow near the picnic table. Strategic place for another litter bin?

4). Paths

John G to ask David Hedley, who works for BCC Transportation, his advice on the three quotes we have for the paths as they all vary and are difficult to compare like for like.

The approximate distance from the entrance to the single bench is 45M, the distance to the picnic table is similar. John will email the outcome of his talk to David Hedley then we should be able to make a final decision on whether we need to go back to the quoters with specifics for a final quote or if we can agree on a provider from the quotes we have and confirm an order with one of them for the work to take place. In the meantime David will let Matt Cox know we are at this stage with the path progress. Hopefully we can set the path order in motion within the next couple of weeks.

5). Equipment

On 3rd September, Liz, David Mike H, Jeannie and Cathy held an Equipment meeting with Chloe Holland and Jack Trundell invited along to advise us on what they felt would be appreciated in Phase 2. We showed them a list of equipment ideas the providers had come up with along with some thought would be good. Jack and Chloe came up with a few ideas of their own and through this process we amended the choices which David has now emailed to Kompan, Wicksteed and Playground Facilities. We await their replies and revised quotes. Lesley (?) the Community Spaces Facilitator came out to the Rec on 9th Sept to view the site and meet with committee members. She was extremely positive and has told us the money is basically set to one side for us and as long as we fill out the next stage of the application correctly, the money is ours! Her role is to help us to fill this form out correctly and to give us as much help and guidance as we require. We now have to put the equipment requests out to Tender, she will help us with this. Community Spaces are happy for the grant to go to the PC (originally we thought they wouldn't) which means the PC can purchase all equipment, allowing more to be purchased through the reclaim of VAT. This also keeps all equipment owned by the PC rather than 'bits' owned by the Trust thus eliminating any difficulties with insurance.

David will confirm with Kompan exactly what is meant and provided under the title of 'maintenance and warranty'.

6). Funding

AVDC North Sports Council: we requested £2000 for a goal through the PC. They have offered us [£1500](#).

Lord of the Manor: Donation of [£2248](#) towards the Navigator. (Already in PC bank account)

Community Spaces: [£25300](#) 'approved' awaiting final paperwork.

Aylesbury Vale Community Chest: we requested [£11400](#), the recommendation is subject to finalising but we have had a phone call saying the recommendation is for the full request.

Total = [£40448](#).

7). PC's Precept (& Insurance)

Liz has phoned the Trust's Insurance for a quote for next year. They will send this out shortly. Last year was £208 so it was recommended to request £250 from this years Precept to allow for increase. Mike will also inform the PC of the £40K of new equipment that is being applied for. Grass maintenance £700. ROSPA or similar safety check £150.

Maintenance and repairs £500. Payment of the insurance of the equipment, with the addition of more when it is installed. Total request from Precept [£2500](#).

8). Eon

Liz phoned Trevor at Eon. He claims he has not received the letter from the Trust which was sent in March. Liz has now emailed a copy of the letter to him. Eon will get back to Liz with options for when they can bury the cables. Liz has told them we need notice as we have to dig the trench.

9). AOB

Community Spaces need a named person within the 'Accountable Body', this being the PC, John G agreed to be named.

David and Mike H will fill in the form from Community Spaces with the help of Lesley.

Any letters of support that can be got from villagers help with the Grant, Lesley suggested the type of letter should include ideas to improve what is currently there. All letters to David ASAP.

Liz will write for Focus including a thankyou to the new volunteers and to the Colletts' who helped us put the picnic table together in the rain!

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

Next meeting: **Monday 5th October at 7.30pm**
at 8 The Green, Great Horwood.