

Minutes of HPFRG Trustees meeting 9/3/21

Meeting held via Zoom

Present

Shirley Sainsbury, Viv Tallwin, Claire Madden, Maggie Prettyman, Louise Chicken, Chris Watkins, Nick Baker, Stuart Chinman, Robin Slatter.

Apologies

Gemma Scarborough, Eilish Rothney,

Not present

Harvey Gibbons, Harry Purnell, Julie Wones,

Finance

Receipts

£2096 covid recovery grant from NNDC
£544 from EON feed in tariff

Outgoings

£514 for front door magnets
£155 to Mick Dunston
£138 Vocalvale maintenance
£660 trees for Orchard of Hope
£352 gym instructor fees

Current standing

£22,000 in improvement fund, £5470 in protected fund and £17,000 in general.

There was discussion around the need to raise funds during the current year. MP said that some restart grants may be available; LC will check this. NB to consult NNDC about when community gyms may reopen.

LC thanked SC for his efforts in gaining signatures for the new account.

Covid Recovery

The Barn remains closed but the field and play area are open.
The croquet club have written saying they hope to play again starting on the 6th April subject to observing current guidance. They have a risk assessment in place, but will need U3A approval. Subject to this, it was agreed to allow restart. SS will write to confirm.

Snooker and indoor exercise can restart on 17th May. Football can do so in April. U3A have said that they do not expect to hold any meetings before July.

Fundraising

We face a more difficult year because we expect less recovery funding but will still be operating under limited conditions. Venues will be asked to run at 50% capacity.

MP raised the possibility of provision of flow test kits and also stressed the need for adequate PPE for volunteers. It was agreed to run a survey of volunteers to determine their willingness to help. MP also said that we should not run events which draw people from outside the village but that leaves the possibility of running a Village Show which could be organised to limit numbers and allow guidelines to be followed. It was agreed to proceed and MP will contact the events team. This intention will be made known stressing a safety first approach- a cautiously positive message.

Volunteers will be needed for the fireworks event and it may be possible to run race, music and possibly quiz nights in the Autumn. There is also the possibility of restarting the cinema. The pantomime is booked for the 12th December.

There was discussion around raising hiring fees. MP suggested offering a lower rate for smaller events. Revised charges were agreed.

Health and Safety

There were no updates.

NB undertook to check guidance on sanitising the play area.

Maintenance and To Do List

NB has contacted a contractor who will quote for joinery work. Some work has been done to the slide in the play area (thanks given to Joe Baker), whilst other work is pending. The RoSPA inspection will take place before Easter.

NB has the brackets needed to fix the gutter over the kitchen.

The fire alarm has been serviced.

Remote alarm setting deferred.

Orchard of Hope

44 of the trees have been delivered. MP is seeking help in planting them. NB is investigating further grant aid.

Date of Next Meeting

20th April

Meeting ended at 21:00