

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST
MINUTES OF COMBINED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Judy D'Arcy Irvine, Hamish Scott-Dalgleish, Hannah Tucker, Jackie Elkins, Jane Young
Apologies: David Spencer, Anthony D'Arcy Irvine

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 18 July 2023 and the Minutes of the AGM of 15 November 2022 were proposed by Jackie Elkins and seconded by Jane Young.

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts for the 12 month period ending 30th June 2023 showed a small surplus of just under £500. This was due to increased costs and charges for electricity, cleaning, septic tank emptying, and general repairs. The trend was, however, encouraging.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a fairly uneventful year. Bookings are down following Covid but hopefully we are holding our own. It is a concern however and we need to try and market and publicise the hall to increase hirings.

The new hedge is thriving after all the rain this year. There are a couple more small trees which need to be removed and hopefully the gardener, Gary Murton, can do these rather than bringing in a tree surgeon.

All the annual servicing contracts have been carried out. I am still waiting for South West Doors to come and look into the possibility of fitting sensors to ensure shutters cannot come down if any door or window is left ajar. We have had no accidents this year but I do emphasise to hirers when they are shown around what the cost would be if they make a mistake – around £350 per visit.

Still waiting for the electrician to come to adjust the car park light and also to look into the smart thermostats which Hamish has also been researching. It seems as if we will need to fit broadband, but it may also be an advantage for attracting other bookings and / for film nights.

Repairs of sunpipes are expensive and at some point it may be a good idea to fill in those which do not provide extra light. The most effective ones are those which are in the two corridors.

Cancelling the contract with Hills Waste Management for collection of rubbish has been cost effective and hirers have been very cooperative in removing all their rubbish when it is explained why, which is due to the costs we would be charged.

We need to get a couple of quotations for re-applying Sadolin to windows, doors and soffit boards. The changing rooms' entrance door is problematic but cost of replacement will be expensive as it will have to be made to measure. The screws on the hinges have been replaced with longer ones in the hope we can keep it going for a bit longer.

The Remembrance Sunday Lunch will take place again this year – 12 November 2023

The Fireworks / Bonfire event is going ahead on Saturday 28 October. Minimum distances will need to be adhered to: 25 metres from hedgerows and trees and 300 metres from nearest thatched houses.

Offers of help with marketing and administration have been received which I am following up.

The Management Committee would like to thank the Parish Council for its continued support and generous donation which helps towards the maintenance of the Recreation Ground and subsidising village user groups.

I would also like to personally thank Hamish, David and Hannah for all their work together with thanks for the support from all Committee members.

3. USER / CLUB REPORTS

Clubs appear to be in reasonable shape but the Camera Club has closed down.

- i) Enford Junior Football is thriving
- ii) The Film Club now includes a pre film talk given by Hugo Vickers. However it is felt more variety is key to appealing to a wider audience and satellite streaming is being researched as an option for occasional opera and National Theatre Live productions and / or downloading from other online services. Clive Bullen is keen to install a motorized roll down screen as the current one takes two to three people to put up as well as a new projector which perhaps could be ceiling mounted. New sound equipment would be beneficial as well. A visit to the Tisbury Film Club had been very helpful and research is ongoing. Free wine with eats provided by volunteers prior to the film showing is proving popular.
- iii) Gardening Club holding its own with increased attendance.
- iv) Short Mat Bowls is well supported and doing well.

4. COMMUNITY GROUPS

Reports were not available from Enford Parish Council and Parochial Church Council. Jackie Elkins reported the Newsletter is well supported with some new Committee Members.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- i) Ground Maintenance: Hamish Scott-Dalgleish felt that the grounds were always going to be a cost and responsibility for the Hall and thought should be given to how the grounds should be managed and funded in the years ahead. The grounds are used by the whole village but currently all the costs of maintenance are borne by the Village Hall. Perhaps an approach to the Parish Council should be considered. Allowing areas of the grounds to grow uncontrolled and wild could give rise to the vandal element taking advantage. It would also reduce options of use for the community and therefore counterproductive..

It was agreed that a payment would be made to David Holmes as thanks for his assistance in mowing the field in the summer.

- ii) Broadband / Satellite: Many hirers need broadband and the existing wibe box is outdated, unreliable and insufficient by modern standards. HSD reported that BT could make broadband available at about £30 per month but some notice would be needed for installation. Broadband could be utilised for films if Satellite is not possible. More research needed.

This opened the possibility of having a NEST system to allow for remote control of thermostats. Initial cost would be in the region of £219 per thermostat. We would have to decide if we need the hall to be zoned with different thermostats per zone. There are a total of four in the building. The changing rooms are heated to a constant 15 degrees and this works well. This leaves only three for possible replacement. Judy to advise HSD about a meeting with Nathan to discuss and also see if the heat pump complicated the issue.

- iii) The new cleaners are working very well and Judy proposed asking them to quote for carrying out the work to re-apply Sadolin to doors and windows in the spring.

iv) Fireworks

HSD reported that Enford Community had prepared a risk assessment and full accounts have been promised and would be received in due course. Judy showed an aerial photograph of where the fireworks should be launched which HSD has forwarded to Enford Community.

v) Marketing

Judy has arranged to meet up with Chris Rose and Lewis, together with Alexis and Gareth Mitchell-Rowe who might be able to assist in this area, together with taking on some of the admin.

vi) Thanks had been received from the Army Benevolent Fund for monies contributed from the Remembrance Sunday Lunch last year.

Both the ABF and the British Legion had also sent letters of thanks for the donations of £235 each from the £470 profit made on the First World War Anniversary event held in the Village Hall in 2014. This amount had been ring fenced in the accounts pending a decision on how it should be spent.

vii) Changing Rooms

The cessation of football being played on the recreation ground raises the issue of use of the changing rooms. Judy suggested perhaps converting the two rooms into space for a gym but it is not known whether this is feasible.

The Committee extended their thanks to Judy for all her hard work.

6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, Jackie Elkins, Jane Young and Hannah Tucker were re-elected to the Committee

7. FUTURE EVENTS

Fireworks 28 October

Remembrance Sunday Lunch 12 November

8. NEXT MEETINGS

It was agreed meetings should be held quarterly:

21 November 2023

20 February 2024, 21 May 2024, AGM 24 September 2024 and 19 November 2024

Post Meeting: Film Club had already booked Tuesday 21 November so the Committee Meeting has been changed to Monday 20 November.