

Soulbury Millennium Green Trust

Registered Charity No 1070738

Minutes of AGM 24 July 2017

Those present: Alan Stevens Chairman
 Wendy Taylor Treasurer
 Elizabeth Caplan
 Richard Caplan
 Vic Wright
 Barbara Wray
 Ann Bridges
 Pat Jones

Apologies: Liz Miller

1.	Chairman's report	Action
	<p>Alan thanked and welcomed everyone for attending.</p> <p>Alan asked if the minutes of the last AGM were an accurate record. It was agreed they were so Alan signed them. The only matter arising was about the single trusteeship and it was noted that the solicitor had not informed the Charity Commission of the change. Vic Wright will follow this up with the Parish Council Clerk, John Spires.</p> <p>Alan reported that August 2016 was not a good start to our year as we were involved in personal issues which resulted in resignations. A Special Meeting was called to try to establish some direction and as a result of that meeting Wendy produced a three fold leaflet, all about the Green.</p> <p>One thing that remains unresolved is we still have £300 in our coffers which is waiting to go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. He felt the time for publicity was now lost and we should forward said sum direct.</p> <p>During the current year a motion sensor camera has been purchased and the Allen scythe has been working, though not as efficiently as first thought but time will tell. Many thanks go to Tony Crack who has come to our aid by mowing the meadow. Japanese Knotweed was reported to Bucks County Council and dealt with but Alan has noticed it needs reporting again.</p> <p>The completion of the container purchase has been effected and in September Wendy gave a presentation about her trip to South Africa for funds. This was poorly attended but subsequently two more social groups asked for the same talk and so far Wendy has raised £130 for our charity. Again, fundraising was ably assisted by our bonfire night which was very successful, as was the quiz night held in February and the relaunch of the 100 Club. We would like to reach 100 members one year.</p>	Vic

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	<p>Works on the Green have varied this year, our main objective to restore the pond/water feature. General maintenance, moving the dog bin and resiting it and moving tonnes of donated topsoil, all carry on apace. Gillie has taken on the task of maintaining the children's play area, for which we are extremely grateful, and the orchard beds also benefit from individual's care.</p> <p>A short while ago we received a visit from Andrew Irvine, who runs the New Southgate Millennium Green. He has started a Facebook page trying to gather information about all the Greens in the country. He presented us with two cherry trees. The Schools Festival was a little disappointing this year as three of the six schools that agreed to come had to back out for various reasons.</p> <p>Finally, Alan commented that Soulfest 2017 was a huge success and many thanks must go to Michele and her family who worked hard for the benefit of all our visitors and subsequently our funds. He also said that whilst more people could have attended the Music on the Millennium Green was a lovely event enjoyed by all who attended.</p> <p>Finally, Alan welcomed Barbara Wray who asked so many questions last year we thought we should co-opt her onto the committee.</p> <p>Alan submitted this as his report and for it to be adopted. All present agreed.</p>	
2.	Treasurer's report	Action
	<p>Wendy issued fully audited Final Accounts to all present and went through some of the numbers. She stressed that the accounts covered May 2016 to end April 2017 so she was reporting on events not included in the Chairman's report as that covered July 2016 and July 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising (income) was down from £3,693 to £2,884 due mainly to Soulfest 2016 attendance being lower. Reason probably other events in the area and the weather not in our favour. - Maintenance is up from £720 to £982 due to a lot of work on the Green such as drainage, work on water features and securing the container. - A loss of £2,606 has been turned into a profit of £997. - The accumulated fund on the Balance Sheet is up by £997 to £48,294. - Depreciation for 2016/17 is up from £310 giving a net book value of fixtures and equipment of £5,679. - <p>Wendy also reported she continues to maintain the SMG website. Having checked the statistics on the use of the site visits to the site are increasing with a huge peak in July and particularly on 8 July, Soulfest day. Again, visits were coming from all over the world, notably USA and Germany.</p> <p>Wendy submitted this as her report and for it to be adopted. All present agreed.</p>	

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3.	Election of officers	Action
	<p>All officers stood down. Alan said he was happy to stand again as Chairman. Wendy proposed Alan as Chairman, Vic seconded the proposal, motion carried.</p> <p>Alan proposed Wendy to stay as Treasurer and this was seconded by Elizabeth, motion carried.</p> <p>Wendy continues to carry out the secretarial role as the treasurer/ secretary role is intertwined. Those present we happy for this to continue. Elizabeth, again, was more than happy to support events with the creation of posters, etc. and to continue with running the 100 Club.</p>	
4.	Public participation	
	<p>Ann Bridges commented in how much she had enjoyed the events at the SMG. Alan thanked her for help with both of them.</p> <p>Alan commented that at the Music in the Millennium Green event he received really good feedback from visitors on what a lovely place the SMG is. They had bothered to walk around the whole site and were very taken with it. He also commented that visitors, who were Soulbury residents, had said to him that they should participate a lot more in the events on the SMG.</p> <p>Those present felt that Soulfest needs several genres of music and could this be looked at. Perhaps add The Heath band in and extend the length of time the event runs. All suggestions will be discussed.</p> <p>It was also commented at the village fete had managed, again, to get some AA-looking signs for the event. Suggested Soulfest should look to doing this as well.</p>	
5.	Any other business	Action
	<p>Alan raised the issue of the shed area which needs tidying, tool racks obtained. He is already looking at racking for the container.</p>	
6.	Date of next AGM	Action
	<p>The date of the next AGM will be Tuesday, 24 July 2018 19:30 at the Village Hall. Post meeting note: changed to 23rd July 2018.</p>	

Meeting closed at 20.55

Distribution: Those present + Maurice Cross, John Spires, Michele Nicholas, Val Redbart, Liz Miller.