

# SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 1070738

### Minutes of Meeting

27 June 2016

Those present:                      Alan Stevens                      Chairman  
   Wendy Taylor                      Treasurer  
   Victor Wright  
   Liz Miller  
   Jon Sheppard

Apologies:                              John Spires  
   Maurice Cross  
   Elizabeth Caplan  
   Richard Caplan  
   Christine Sheppard  
   Georgette Sunderland  
   Val Redbart  
   Michele Nicholas

1	Previous minutes and matters arising	Action
	Minutes of the last meeting agreed as correct and signed by Alan. Chipper in progress. Georgette gave the get well soon card for Dave (who organises the Community Payback guys) to Richard.	Wendy
2	Finance report/income from events/website	
	Current account balance:    £1,724.96 Deposit account balance:    £4,024.62 Petty cash:                      £21.23  AVDC Lottery: We received £32.50 from Vale Lottery funds in June. £1,432.90 cash from Soulfest was banked to the Deposit Account.  AGM needs to be advertised. Notice on the Green	Wendy
3	Work in progress	
	In no particular order of importance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alan purchased old Allan scythe for £40 and is refurbishing it. No need for multi machine at £1,000 now.</li><li>• Water around shed as we have had a lot of rain. The area needs to be resculpted so the water goes into the new ditch. Vic will try to obtain hardcore and soil.</li><li>• Meadow needs to be cut soonest.</li><li>• A few tree beds still need some tendering loving care i.e. they are not yet adopted.</li><li>• Ivy Cottage fence needs doing.</li><li>• Soil to be chased by Vic but not a pressing item just now.</li></ul>	Alan  Vic  Vic

4	Events 2016	
	<p>Soulfest 2016 18/6/16: Soulfest went well. However, income was down by approx 50% to approx £721.40 (as at the date of the meeting as donations have been promised). Numbers attending was down due to competition. It was felt that we need to talk to neighbouring villages on their programmes of events before setting dates for next year. Brass band concert/Proms on the Green perhaps good for other events. Better marketing needed and sponsorship money should also accompany any signage provided by companies. If we get the cost of the event sponsored (at least) and we end up as we did this year any money coming in at the gate/BBQ/tea tent/raffle is pure profit. Discussion took place around declaring the percentage of the profit for the given charity. Alan felt that we decide the percentage when we know what the event has earned and this approach was agreed by a majority.</p> <p>AGM 25 July: this will be held at the village hall as it is a public meeting. The hall has been booked for the meeting to commence at 19:30. Accounts will be ready at that time. Nominations are invited for Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>Bonfire Night 5/11/16: Bonfire site reseeded. Sponsorship/donations to be looked at for same reason as for Soulfest. Vic said he would look at this.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Vic</p>
5	100 Club	
	<p>The 100 Club was drawn and the winner is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June: James Mansfield-Sturgess</p> <p>Wendy commented that the cheque book is with the auditor at the present time and she would issue cheques for the May and June winners when it has been returned.</p>	
6	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RoSPA invoice for three sites for annual inspection but charged for two sites at £66.50 each.</li> <li>• Centenary Fields</li> <li>• We must bear in mind that the Community Payback teams may not always be around to help us, therefore support needs to be acquired. We must continue the requests for volunteers.</li> <li>• Is there a detailed map of the SMG? Helicopter photo? Rights of Way - can they help? Wendy said she would see if NPAS (Police helicopter team) can help when they are flying in the area.</li> <li>• Security on container - several padlocks have been purchased but Wendy wondered if a system the like of which she has at her stables would improve it further. Alan to view security arrangements at her yard. Movement sensors to be considered. Post meeting note: Alan attended Wendy's yard where he was shown all the security arrangements. Security to the container can only be done when we own it but the barrier across the gate area was certainly up for consideration.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>Vic/Wendy</p> <p>Alan/Wendy</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pond is not a pond and what do we do? They are flood control basins actually. Do we have too many Willows? Area where the jetty is there is a fallen tree. Should that go? Water areas need some thought. Drainage redirected to main pond. Are the Willows taking too much water. Want more of an open water area from an aesthetic viewpoint. Open an area for more dragonflies and others.</li> <li>• Black Poplars - Wendy raised the possibility of having a Black Poplar which is apparently Britain's rarest and largest native timber tree as she was approached by Roger Jefcoate CBE to plant one on the Green. Roger has planted one in the vicinity of The Boot and maintains it. Wendy will take this up with Roger to ascertain next steps and report back to see if we want to go ahead. Wendy to see Roger.</li> <li>• Ecotoilet - Jim Gibson has agreed to open the toilet each morning. Those attending the chickens late evening will lock it.</li> <li>• Discussion took place around who does what, how and when it is done and cleared up afterwards as current practices had caused considerable consternation. Alan emphasised it is a voluntary organisation and we need to work together. It was emphasised that the day before a major event is not the time for major works - it a time for tidying up so the area is free of trip hazards and dangers to kids running around. We now have a good team and we just have to be considerate around others. Jon did apologise for any upset his actions may have caused.</li> </ul>	<p>All</p> <p>Wendy</p>
7	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be the AGM meeting and held on Monday, 25 July, 2016 at 19:30 at parish hall.	

Meeting closed at 21:20 hrs

Distribution: Those present + John Spires, Maurice Cross, Elizabeth Caplan, Richard Caplan, Christine Sheppard, Michele Nicholas, Georgette Sunderland.