

SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 1070738

**Minutes of Meeting inc AGM
3 July 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall**

Those present: Nigel Kemal Chairman
 Wendy Taylor Treasurer/Sec
 Alan Stevens
 Vic Wright
 Geoff Kiddle

Apologies: Carla Bennett

1	Previous minutes and matters arising	Action
	<p>Minutes of the last AGM (11 July 2022) agreed as correct, ratified and signed by Nigel. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 June 2023 were also agreed as correct, ratified and signed by Nigel.</p> <p>Matters arising: none from previous AGM.</p> <p>Matters arising from meeting held on 12 June 2023: Alan asked if the Piza Lady had been approached for her donation to the Coronation event. Vic confirmed he had emailed and Wendy confirmed she had sent the SMG banking details to her.</p>	
2	Chairman's Report	
	<p>During the last year we increased our committee membership from 6 to 8 with Carla Bennett and Geoff Kiddle joining in September.</p> <p>EVENTS: 16/7/22 - Soulfest was well supported locally and from around neighbouring areas and organised by Michele and her Soulfest sub-committee. Although financially successful in generating around £1500 to our funds after costs, the loud heavy metal music genre and some inappropriate bad language by band members caused complaints from our local community. Michele was directed to ensure future music bands were to reflect a varied music genre and language in keeping with family and local community values.</p> <p>16/10/22 - Picnic in the Park Great Horwood Silver Band provided us with live music for entertainment. Although the event was well received by those attending, it was poorly supported locally which may be because the event was held late in the year when the weather was markedly cooler and advertising was late being displayed. The event broadly broke even as it was mainly about restoring our prestige following the reputational damage suffered at Soulfest 2022.</p> <p>5/11/22 - Fireworks Night Attendance was greater than previous year but donated funds was down from the previous year. £850 profit made towards SMG funds after costs.</p> <p>8/4/23 - Easter Egg Hunt This family community event was well supported this year by local families. (A vast improvement from the previous year after Covid re-opening mixing).</p>	

	<p>7/5/23 - Coronation Picnic Celebrations A good community event celebrating the crowning of King Charles 111 held in the style of a street party. Cover was provided for locals in an open side marquee, but as it was a very good afternoon most people were seated outside on the green. Entertainment was provided by Great Horwood Silver Band, Singer Richard Stark and DJ sound by our own Scott Isaacs. Children's games, Tug of War, Splat the Rat and Crown design and making competition completed the afternoon's activities.</p> <p>1/7/23 - Soulfest Planned date put in doubt, considered moving it to 22/7/23 or possibly cancelled, all due to the Soulfest sub-committee failing to book bands for the planned date. Eventually, it was decided to cancel this year's event as the re-revised date caused major issues for Soulbury Fete committee being a week later on than our proposed date.</p> <p>We have recently spent funds on upgrading our onsite electrical supply. The distribution board has been upgraded to accommodate another 4 gang socket post by the Children's playground area with the new radial upgraded to 32 amp from the 16 amp radial supply to the Lock up supply post. We hope to link a further supply post from this new post to the other side of the Spinney to be nearer the Fireworks site area in the near future.</p> <p>We were also currently looking to secure s106 funding for installing adult keep fit equipment this year and a small working party was investigating this action. Following a poor response to our recent online village survey for use of equipment, it has been decided to drop this SMG expenditure and seek alternatives, possibly looking at a semi-permanent crowd shelter/awning options.</p> <p>Work on re-doing the pond by infilling in the leaky liner end has commenced and soil/hardcore material is being sought with Daniel, Greg and Lindsey Russell. Richard has organised the SMG site maintenance with a lot of clearing up work and routine gardening, grass cutting, pruning/maintenance work utilising the Sunday Community Payback teams. Local residents have commended the way the SMG site looks.</p>	
3	Finance report/income from fundraising/website	
	<p>Current account balance: £8,413.57 Petty cash: £49.01 Bucks Lottery: £8.00 July 2022</p> <p>It was agreed that half a case of wine be given to Andrew Wood again for auditing our accounts, for which he does not charge.</p>	Wendy
4	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>Andrew Wood, CGMA, audited the accounts for us. He commented that the accounts are in a good place and appreciates how they are maintained as it makes his job very easy. A nett loss was recorded for year ending 30 April 2023 of £355. Last year this was a profit of £1,782. Soulfest 2022 profit came to the SMG in total and was not shared. It appears the residents of the parish favour this.</p>	

	<p>The bank balance as at the financial year end was £7,655.83 and is an improvement on the balance reported at the 2022 AGM. This is due to some successful events, donations from residents via standing order, successful sale of the 2023 calendar and a reduction in maintenance costs from £1,804 to £799.</p> <p>Utility costs increased from £191 to £354 due to the increased price of electricity the country is experiencing.</p> <p>The depreciation charge is £1,112.</p> <p>The final net book values for the SMG is land £38,061 and fixtures & equipment £3,909 giving a total of £41,970.</p> <p>Alan asked what was being depreciated and had the chainsaw been added to the asset list. It can be confirmed that the chainsaw and the new bench are being depreciated over 5 years at 10% pa. Wendy offered to circulate the depreciation spread sheet to the committee and will include it next year.</p>	Wendy
5	Election of officers	
	<p>Nigel agreed to stand for election as Chairman of the Committee. Alan proposed that he be elected, Geoff seconded this and the motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Wendy agreed to stand for election in the role of Treasurer and Secretary. Alan proposed that she be elected, Nigel seconded this and motion was unanimously carried.</p>	
6	Work in progress	
	<p>Chippings being laid by the Community Payback team.</p> <p>Pond - plenty of offers of soil and hardcore for infil. Now needs to be got to site. Alan said he is happy to offer the services of his trailer - he just needs to be asked.</p> <p>Bonfire - Nigel will talk to Richard about clearing/burning the final fencing residue. Considered not to be a good idea to start a bonfire in the summer months.</p> <p>Community Payback teams are doing a good job again.</p> <p>Discussion took place to extend the entrance to the SMG back from the tarmac area by a couple of metres. Just needs to be dug down 4" or so and filled with type 2 aggregate. It would also help to tidy up the grass patch that never recovers.</p> <p>Nigel has obtained a quote from GDM Electrical for the extra spur which is £198 inc VAT. It was agreed to go ahead with this and Alan will make a box for the socket.</p>	<p>Nigel</p> <p>Nigel</p>
7	Events	
	<p>2022-4/23</p> <p>Events covered in the Chairman's report.</p> <p>2023</p> <p>7/5/23 - Coronation Picnic Celebrations A good community event celebrating the crowning of King Charles 111 held in the style of a street party. Cover was provided for locals in an open side marquee, but as it was a very good afternoon most people were seated outside on the green. Entertainment was provided by Great Horwood Silver Band, Singer Richard Stark and DJ sound by our own Scott Isaacs. Children's games, Tug of War, Splat the Rat and Crown design and making competition completed the afternoon's activities.</p>	

	<p>10/9/23 - Picnic in the Park and Pig Roast Heath Band can do this date at a cost of £220 for 2 x 45m playing time and half an hour break starting at 2pm. Vic will obtain the TEN. Nigel will call the pig roast vendors for pricing. It will be a ticketed event.</p> <p>4/11/23 - Bonfire night Nigel already obtaining sponsors for this event. Donations were down last year so need to consider this when deciding on charges, etc. Vic suggested we try a pizza evening - perhaps in Jan/Feb 2024.</p>	Nigel/Vic
8	100 Club	
	<p>The 100 Club prize is again £25. Again, we need to drive up numbers for 2024. Draw was completed for July: The winner is: Jax Crack</p>	
9	Public participation	
	No-one was present.	
10	Any other business	
	Vic raised the issue of providing a concrete base for an new container. This was considered not to be high on the priority list right now but needs to be on the list.	
7	Date of next meeting	
	The date of the next AGM is 8 July 2024. The date of the next meeting is 11 September 2023 as there will not be a meeting in August.	

Meeting closed at 20:50 hrs

Distribution: Those present + Michele Nicholas, Carla Bennett