

# SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 1070738

### Minutes of Meeting 4 October 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:                      Nigel Kemal                      Chairman  
    Wendy Taylor                      Treasurer/Sec  
    Carla Bennett  
    Richard Caplan  
    Geoff Kiddle  
    Vic Wright

Apologies:                              Alan Stevens

1	Previous minutes and matters arising	Action
	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 September 2023 were agreed as correct and signed by Nigel.</p> <p>Matters arising from meeting: Wendy purchased a half case of wine for Andrew.</p>	
2	Finance Report	
	<p>Current account balance:    £7,461.19 Petty cash:                      £49.01</p> <p>Bucks Lottery: £8.00                      September 2022</p> <p>Donations for the Firework Display are coming in. £210 already received.</p>	
3	Work in progress	
	<p>Pond - needs draining so liner can be cut - hardcore and soil can then be moved. Still to be done</p> <p>Bonfire - with warm dry weather this needs can now be burnt. Leaf blower needed to help the fire along. Might take several attempts to clear rubbish. Several burns completed but plastic remains on the wire so it will be included on Firework night bonfire.</p> <p>Trees at front entrance need cutting back. Still needs doing.</p> <p>Power extension - not urgent so will be installed later this year. The cable has in fact been dug in and just needs connecting. Nigel will approach Graeme to get this done.</p> <p>Plaque on Liz Miller's memorial bench to be re-engraved to include David Miller as he died a few weeks ago. Both were instrumental in the acquisition and development of the SMG. Will be looked in November.</p> <p>Mower needs more repairs. Wendy offered to ask Garry Porter for a second opinion. For the record, Garry was completely unimpressed with the standard of service provided to us. Main problem was a fuel issue and after a lot of work found a solid lump of grass in the fuel pipe. This was cleared, a lot of other jobs remedied and he gave it a bath. It is now working perfectly. Garry has offered to maintain the mower going forward, an offer which has been accepted.</p>	<p>Richard</p> <p>Nigel</p> <p>Nigel</p>

4	Events	
	<p><b>10/9/23 - Picnic in the Park</b> Weather was not on our side, however £98 profit was made and 79 people attended.</p> <p><b>4/11/23 - Bonfire night</b> Banners need erecting - Vic to talk to Mark Denne for use of his fencing. Vic will talk to Phil Desouza to light the fireworks. He will also arrange the purchase of fireworks, BBQ and bar stock. Those present agreed a budget of £900. Nigel will order the portable loos. Nigel and Richard will check out the newly acquired bbq. Wendy will obtain floats. She needs to find a bank in Leighton Buzzard as most have closed including our bankers. Concern raised about lighting pathways - as we have a childrens funfair this time there will be a lot more light. Usual lighting will be obtained as well to fill dark spots. A team needed for putting up gazebos on Saturday morning. Nigel expressed the need for more donations. Attention needs to be paid to ensure no-one gets through the gates without paying. Suggested one queue for cash and two for card readers. Gates are not to be unlocked before 6pm. Funfair agreed to donate 25% of profit. Their attendance is a trial for possible future use at, say, Soulfest.</p>	<p>Vic</p> <p>Vic</p> <p>Nigel</p> <p>Nigel/Richard</p> <p>Wendy</p>
5	100 Club	
	<p>Draw was completed for October: The winner is: Mr Chris Bryant</p>	
6	Any other business	
	<p>A new system to speed up the use of Sumup card readers discussed. Purchase of two 'Square' systems agreed. Parish Council will be asked if they can purchase and SMG will refund appropriately. Approx cost £300.</p>	
7	Date of next meeting	
	<p>The date of the next meeting is Monday, 13 November 2023.</p>	

Meeting closed at 21:00 hrs

Distribution: Those present + Alan Stevens, Michele Nicholas