

SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 1070738

Minutes of Meeting 9 December 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Those present: Nigel Kemal Chairman
 Wendy Taylor Treasurer/Sec
 Alan Stevens
 Carla Bennett
 David Hartup Guest

Apologies: Geoff Kiddle
 Richard Caplan

1	Previous minutes and matters arising	Action
	Minutes of the last meeting on 11th November 2024 were agreed as correct, ratified and signed by Nigel. Matters arising: Route for new path not done. Per metre cost to work out how much length we can afford. Route and surface was discussed. Nigel will investigate cost and surfaces. David Hartup was invited to the meeting by Nigel as he had some thoughts on going forward with events and the catering thereof.	Nigel
2	Finance Report	
	Current account balance: £14,922.71 Petty cash: £49.01 Bucks Lottery: £8.00 Dec 2024 Monies coming in for 100 Club. Everyone asked to promote the 100 Club to increase the numbers involved. It was suggested that we look at costing out contracting the mowing of the SMG. Reasoning was that: a. The older ride-on mower works. b. To buy a new one will cost upwards of £5k to buy. c. We will have to pay for repairs and maintenance and if treatment of the current mower is anything to go by it will cost a lot of money. d. If the mowing is contracted out it will lessen the work expected of the older mower. e. It was suggested contracting it out to Charlie who does the village mowing. We know him, we know he does a good job, he has mowed the SMG in the past, he knows the events we have and we can trust him with a key to the SMG so he is free to mow whenever he thinks it needs to be done. We can direct him on which bits to cut and which bits not to cut. f. This will save us the cost of repairs, maintenance, purchase and secure storage and the worry of possible theft. g. Importantly, it will save Richard's back because it does not cope well sitting on a ride-on mower and will free him up to do the things he prefers and is good at. The Community Payback teams could also be used for more constructive tasks.	All

	h. Finally, the SMG can afford this route now it has the support of the parish council. Nigel will run this past Richard, after which Wendy will contact Charlie to discuss.	Nigel/Wendy
3	Work in progress	
	a: Pond: needs draining so liner can be cut - hardcore and soil can then be moved. Still to be done but at present it is full of water so will probably have to wait until next year when it has drained. b. To move the work wood shed closer to the shelter. Posts bought for this - no further action occurred yet. Awaiting Richard's plans. c: Re path around SMG - see Matters arising d: re trenches to be dug as described in last month's minutes, Alan outlets of trenches to be found reported that he and an other did dig a trench in that area years ago which drained into the pond and he felt that the outlets should still be there and may be covered by the pond liner.	Richard
4	Events	
	19/4/25 - Easter Egg Hunt 2pm to start. Cake bakers to be asked to help again. David Hartup will ask Deborah if she and the kids could do clues. 21/6/25 - Soulfest 2025 8/11/25 - Firework Display	
5	100 Club	
	Draw was completed: December: Rachel Belsham	
6	Any other business	
	BBQs: David H suggested having another good BBQ particularly for the Firework Display. In terms of catering Soulfest and Fireworks are two completely different events, ie Soulfest is steady demand over the day whereas the Firework Display is 200 burgers in an hour hence the need for two good BBQs. He felt the catering could be much better organised. David volunteered to chef the BBQs at any event we have, will recruit the team to support him and co-ordinate the food for cooking. He was happy to do the food hygiene course as well. Alan asked David if he would like to be on the Committee but he felt that just now he could not commit but happy to be included in the minute distribution so he was aware of what was happening so he could support us when possible.	
7	Date of next meeting	
	It was agreed to move the day of the meetings so the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 14 January 2025.	

Meeting closed at 21:20 hrs

Distribution: Those present + Richard Caplan, Geoff Kiddle