

SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 1070738

Minutes of Meeting 11 February 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Those present: Nigel Kemal Chairman
 Wendy Taylor Treasurer/Sec
 Carla Bennett
 Geoff Kiddle
 Alan Stevens

Apologies:

1	Previous minutes and matters arising	Action
	Minutes of the last meeting on 14 January 2025 were agreed as correct, ratified and signed by Nigel. Matters arising: none	
2	Finance Report	
	Current account balance: £15,975.86 Petty cash: £49.01 Bucks Lottery: £8.00 Feb 2025 There are 55 members in the 100 Club for 2025.	
3	Work in progress	
	a: Pond: As we have funds now Richard felt we could hire a JCB and get the job done far more quickly when the weather is conducive to such a task. Too much water in it to do too much work in the area right now. b: Skip arrived and has been filled. Six tyres left over, Nigel rang his garage and they will take them for a donation in their charity bucket. c: Bridge by work area is in the process of being repaired. d: Path way - got two different routes in mind. Community Board funding closed for last year - arrangements for funding may be different going forward. Budget quotes to be obtained so we have an idea of how much we need. s106 monies still available and local company FCC can be approached. National Lottery Fund to be looked at to find out their constraints for supporting causes. e: Lean-to to crew room needs to be completed. Will act as log store and work area when weather is inclement. Still the case. f: Children's play area - stumps need to be taken out, holes filled in and levelled. g: The urinal in the EcoToilet needs work such a larger bore outlet pipe as it blocks easily and recent weather has shown it freezes solid as well. Nigel tried to deal with the issues, problem bigger than was imagined. New urinal to be procured.	Geoff Nigel

4	Events	
	19/4/25 - Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm to start. Cake bakers to be asked to help again. Nigel will do route and clues. 21/6/25 - Soulfest 2025 Organisation committee commenced. The Boot will be asked to run the bar. Some bands have already been acquired. The condition of the BBQs was discussed. Coffee van returning. Ice lollies and soft drinks for the kids. One BBQ needs to be bought. Format to stay the same, same layout. 8/11/25 - Firework Display	Nigel
5	100 Club	
	Draw for January and February carried out: January winner: Wendy Taylor February winner: Tony Crack	Wendy
6	Any other business	
	A long discussion took place regarding Richard Caplan's resignation from the Committee and his decision to step back from working on the SMG. In the committee's response to his resignation letter he was asked: <i>"Going forward, clearly there is a need for a person, or persons, to carry out tasks on the SMG and to this end we ask for your opinion and guidance on terms required to cover such a role. It would be very helpful if you could advise, in writing, what you consider they should be. Perhaps, as a valued member of our village community, you could also advise us if you would consider such a role under a SMG maintenance contract for the future"</i>. His response to this was a list of his 'wants', demands on the committee, incorrect assumptions and did nothing to answer the above paragraph. It was, therefore, decided to write to him, thanking for his thoughts but they did not answer our questions so at this stage no action could/would be taken relating to them. However, it was suggested that in this letter we would respond to one request regarding supervising the Community Payback teams on Sundays for which we would pay him £20 per hour for 5 hours each Sunday for 3 Sundays a month. Regarding the mower, today Richard sent details, to Nigel, of the mower in the form of a link to two websites giving a price (not quotes and not three of them), nothing about contacting these people to discuss any deals. However, Wendy was extremely concerned at financing this, approx £5,500 depending on the deal plus maintenace and based on past experience that won't be cheap, and the increased cost of Richard to the tone of £3,900 per annum. The Parish Council gives the SMG £600 per month, £7,200 per annum, the idea being that it helps us to stop running ragged running events to support the SMG. Having the mower and paying Richard totals £9,400. Whilst Soulfest and the Fireworks had healthy profits, £7,100 in 2024, you only need bad weather or the funds from the Parish Council to stop and we are on a knife edge again.	Wendy

	Regarding the wildlife cameras, which are now being called CCTV, again only one link to Amazon with one model and one price. No information on how these pieces of equipment answer the SMG needs and how does he see them working and how they will be managed. Therefore, for the moment, no action can be taken. However, so the committee can understand the various 'CCTV' systems around Carla will ask her husband to take a brief look at what's is available that will suit us with associated cost.	Carla
7	Date of next meeting	
	The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 11 March 2025.	

Meeting closed at 21:30 hrs

Distribution: Those present