

SOULBURY MILLENNIUM GREEN
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Registered Charity No 1070738

Minutes of Meeting
10 June 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 13 May 2025 were agreed as correct, ratified and signed by Nigel. Matters arising: None.	
2	Finance Report	
	Current account balance: £12,245.16 Petty cash: £49.01 Bucks Lottery: £9.00 June 2025 Final accounts received back from the auditor - everything is in good order. Wendy had the following to say: a. Regarding the old mower - as agreed Garry Porter collected the mower. He bought it from the SMG at an agreed price of £100 on a spares and repairs basis. He got the mower to his yard and first checked the oil - and found there was none. He filled it up, started it first turn of the key and proceeded to mow the edges of all his fields (5 acres) with no issues at all. He then set about looking at the bits he had already repaired on a previous service to find it was in a even worse state than before the previous service. The deck: wheels - one still attached but broken, one not there, brackets holding roller damaged beyond repair so Garry had to make a new one (bear in mind this is a substantial bracket), metal work holding the rubber flaps at the sides bent out of recognition. Front bumper has had to withstand many an impact. Front cover: only held on by one bracket because bolts from the other missing. It was not in this condition when Garry returned the mower after service. Finally when the mower was left with Wendy prior to collection it was pointed out that Garry should know to blow down the fuel inlet to make the mower start. Garry could never understand why the fuel flowed away so put a hand pump into the fuel line at the previous service. It was explained to those using the mower what it was, why it was there and how to use it because blowing down the fuel inlet is a H&S issue. Bottom line the mower works fine.	

	b. Wendy now has real concerns over the care for the new mower and associated costs. Historically the SMG has spent fortunes on repairs which are NOT just wear and tear. It is user mistreatment. These concerns were laid out at meetings on 9/12/24 and 11/2/25 and minuted which suggested an economic course of action. c. Wendy emphasised that as treasurer she is responsible for use of charity money worked hard for by the committee and offered generously by people attending the events and by donation. Same is true when wearing the Parish Clerk hat - she is responsible for the precept which comes from the Council Tax levied on properties in the parish. Therefore the most economic use of the money is essential. d. At a parish council meeting where the purchase of a new mower was discussed, with the parish council and SMG splitting the cost, no-one raised the concerns of the SMG treasurer so the resolution when through uncontested and the new mower purchased. At parish council meetings, the parish clerk is not allowed to enter into discussions. e. This left Wendy with the opinion that her efforts for cost effective use of the SMG funds counted for nothing. Add to this the additional costs of £3,900/annum for paying Richard Caplan just because he was not prepared for CS Maintenance to mow the SMG at £25 a time and to use the old mower to tidy the edges. It appears that Richard kicks up a fuss and all around capitulate. f. The above has caused Wendy many a sleepless night. Going forward Wendy feels that, each payment to Richard and paying good money for repairs to mowers he clearly has no respect for, she will resent actioning and therefore feels she cannot continue in this vein. Therefore she will not be standing for re-election as secretary/ treasurer at the AGM in July and will not continue as a committee member.	
3	Work in progress	
	a: Pond: FJ Morris will be asked to look at pond to get the job done. b: Path way - third price in - £26K. FJ Morris is most experienced in doing such a job. Meeting 27 June to discuss projects in more detail. c: 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. Still ongoing. Nigel to follow up and/or cancel order. d: Carla emailed details of cameras to the committee who will look at the links provided and make final decision. e: BBQ - test done and is very good. Perhaps a pop-up breakfast event should be considered. f: 6 bags postcrete and 6 posts acquired to make pergola to support a rampant rose.	Geoff All Nigel Nigel

4	Events	
	21/6/25 - Soulfest 2025 Meeting for Thursday 12/6/25 7pm to site all stands and refreshments. Wendy to get floats - £100 in £10 notes, £100 in £5 notes, £100 in £1 coins will be acquired. Pay back teams will be putting up the tents this weekend 15/6/25. Risk assessment done. 8/11/25 - Firework Display	
5	100 Club	
	Draw for June carried out. Winner: Richard Caplan	Wendy
6	Any other business	
	Wendy will prepare an action plan in time for meeting on 27 June. RoSPA reports have been received.	Wendy
7	Date of next meeting	
	The date of the next meeting is the AGM on Tuesday 15 July, 2025 at 7:30pm.	

Meeting closed at 21:30 hrs

Distribution: Those present