

BEDFIELD AND MONK SOHAM COMMUNITY CLUB

Minutes of a Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 21st April 2021 and commenced at 1935

04/21 - 01 Present

Committee: Graham Mobbs (Chairman - GM), Steve Corton (SC – Vice-Chairman), Geoff Robinson (Secretary – GR), Andrew Manning (Treasurer – AnM), Alison Manning (Play Area & Facilities Manager - AM) and Lisa Crane (LC).

Two villagers (as members) also attended.

04/21 - 02 Apologies

Keith Frost (KF).

04/21 - 03 Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10th March 2021 had been previously circulated. They were agreed as accurate and will be signed by GM in due course.

04/21 - 04 Action Points from the Previous Minutes

- The installation of CCTV had been completed. Nigel Billington will investigate what backup exists in the event of a power cut and will give a “tutorial” on its use to GR and AM as nominated safeguarding Officers.

04/21 - 05 Various Updates and Work in Progress

Various ongoing activities were briefly discussed, the salient points of each being:

- The date of installation for the splay and carpark renovation was still uncertain but is expected to be within a month. Notice needs to be provided as soon as possible so alternative access arrangements can be made as far as practical.
- The bottle bank now seems to be emptied only monthly and when completely full. This was not what was intended – GR to take the matter up with the contractor.
- The play area is finished with the furniture installed. The orange fencing will be taken down very soon as the grass is growing. The popularity of the play area continues to grow both within and outside of Bedfield and Monk Soham.
- The agreed spending plan had been commenced and the storage container will be ordered by AnM very soon. Two notice boards, tablecloths and a replacement water heater had been purchased. As previously agreed, £75 had been paid to Bill Bulstrode for his COVID-19 petrol expenses.
- Income had been the repayment of the £4000 loan from Bedfield Parish Council towards the fencing and a small VAT refund. Further MSDC COVID-19 lockdown grants may be due. A hiring by a cycling club had been cancelled, but £50 for the hiring of a marquee had been received, and there will be £75 for the hire of the pavilion for the forthcoming elections.

04/21 – 06 New Website Development and Requirements

- The way forward for the website was discussed in detail and concerns were still expressed that the new version does not meet the complete needs on both villages and its organisations. GR had written to Fred Clayson but as yet had received no response. GR suspects that Fred may be unable to spend time on the website and will attempt to contact him in the very near future.
- LC offered to take on the role of communications officer, starting with the establishment of a Facebook page, but also webmaster for both Bedfield and Monk Soham should it become necessary. SC also offered to assist. Both offers were unanimously welcomed.

- The Club will need to consider where CHITTER fits into our agreed lines of communications within the village.
- LC is happy to contact One-Suffolk and research other organisations using the system.
- The overall responsibility for the websites will lie with the Parish Councils.
- It was agreed with LC that the new websites must be compatible with iPhones and iPads as many people use these for communication.

04/21 – 07 2021 Fete and Future Events

Planning for the 11th of September play area opening and after lockdown event had commenced and a general discussion took place, the salient points being:

- GR confirmed that Matthew Hicks will be delighted to attend and open the play area.
- AM confirmed that a bar had been booked.
- LC was happy to provide vegetarian and Vegan catering, whilst SC was happy to assist with the barbeque, if required.
- The first drinks and some food would be provided free as part of the celebration and as a thank you for the villagers,
- Morris dancers may be available but they had not yet responded to AnM.
- More detailed planning needs to be done very soon but a start time of circa noon would seem to be favourite.
- Live music should be possible. SC to research and also Rob Rogers has been contacted.

04/21 – 08 MSDC tree Planting Initiative

GR and AM had met with Paula Booth and had had a very productive meeting regarding how to take the MSDC initiative forward for the benefit of both villages. Paula is happy to help and will collate all responses onto a map for MSDC. GR has written to all known village organisations asking for expressions of interest by the 14th May 2021. Volunteers will also be required for the planning season in Autumn.

04/21- 09 Date of Next Meeting

- The date of the next meeting was agreed as 1930 on Wednesday 2nd June 2021, hopefully at the pavilion, but depending on central government COVID-19 guidelines.

The meeting ended at 2145 with GM thanking everyone for their input.

Signed:..... (Chairman).