

COMMITTEE MEETING

15th January 2018

In attendance: Tom Schofield, Sarah King, Karen Bennett, Alistair Proctor, Isobel Alford, Donald Cameron

1. Apologies

Shirley Murray, Sheena Dawe, Sue Gracie, Pat Gordon, Irene McConnell,

2. Minutes of previous meeting

These were approved.

3. New path proposal

- Donald Cameron attended to outline a proposal for a new path joining Howgate to Milkhall Pond to the disused railway line.
- Two options outlined – a path from the Glebe and/or a path from Tipperwell.
- Explained that this is at its early stages – as well as HVHA, Donald also wishes to speak to HCC. It was also explained that Tipperwell Residents Association would need to be contacted regarding the path from Tipperwell proposal, and a wider community consultation. Also landowner approval for each portion of land that it covers would be required, as well as funding through appropriate bodies. HVHA were supportive in principal.

Action – Donald to feed back how he is progressing with this.

4. Matters arising

- Pot holes in car park – stones supplied by NWH, agreed to fill these Sat 21st October 1pm. Anyone available on that date to help out. Agreed to buy small gift by way of thanks. Update – potholes now filled, but gift still to buy.

Action – Sarah to check with Sue if still to buy couple of boxes of chocolates to say thank you. Action outstanding.

- Clarsach for hire – No interest as yet, agreed to give it until October (new school term), if nothing we may want to consider selling it.

Action – Alistair to confirm if interest from school. Karen to update newsletter for Sarah's mobile number.

- Derek Brown handyman role - noticeboard to be refurbished in Spring. Church have wooden planters to put in. Sensor light at front door to be checked.

Action – Tom to add sensor light to to-do list.

- Dog waste bin for outside the hall due to the amount of waste being put into the hall black bin. To be done in conjunction with HCC. No update from HCC as yet.

Action – Karen/Sue to confirm status of dog bin request.

- Improve signs for recycling facilities (inside and outside). Karen has made signs and Irene has printed and laminated them.

Action – Alistair to pass to Karen for putting onto bins.

Action – Standing action to ensure we organize for someone to assist with car parking for bigger events.

- **Treasurer's report**
- £6852 in account – after paying for toilet repairs. Due money for Fiji Night.
- BT still to be contacted re expensive landline bill.
- We will be undergoing an audit shortly.
- HMRC have paid money owed – agreed not to lodge complaint now as we are just happy to have money returned.

5. Hall report and future investment/equipment

- Routine bookings all fine. No private bookings.
- Agreed £12.50ph rate for forthcoming 4 day booking, future repeat bookings and this will also be the new rate for regular groups using the hall.

Action – Karen to arrange website update. Action outstanding.

- Bridge have requested a donation towards a new table. All agreed this would be fair.

Action – Tom to confirm to Bridge we will pay for a new table.

6. Future Fundraising

- Gin tasting – 27th January – time TBC (now 6pm). 14 tickets sold to date. Newsletter has just gone out so hoping for at least 30. Sarah to get cheese, pizzas and bread at Costco. Tom to buy raffle tickets. Tom to do check in cupboard to see what beer and wine provisions we have – may need to buy more.

Action – All to do actions above. All to bring any raffle prizes on the night.

7. AOB

- Consider a clear out of back room in hall for new year.

Action – Above action outstanding – carry over.

- Email received from Colin Rorison asking if the Howgate website could be updated, especially minutes.

Action – Karen to carry out an initial audit and feed back to Tom.

- Our oil supplier has asked if we would set up a Direct Debit. They could fit an oil sensor and it would alert us/them when oil low. Not compulsory.

Action – Sarah to ask if the sensor would work with other companies. TBA if we will go to Direct Debit.

8. Date of next meeting – Monday 12th February 2018.