

The Blackheath Village Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at “The Old Post Office” on Tuesday 1st November 2011

Present:

Alistair Taylor (Chairman)	Hamish Whiteman
Nick Harrison (Secretary)	Paul Brodie
Penny Kirkwood	Steve Brockwell
Peter Herbert	

Apologies: Julie Firth, Nick Morris, Alan Barlow, Dave Grisley

1. Minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 21st June 2011 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Committee changes

NM and PB have now swapped roles, so that PB is now the Parish Council representative. The AGM resulted in no other changes to the committee.

4. Compliance

Collation of all of the Society’s governing documents and important correspondence that will be kept by the secretary – on going.

Website to be updated with recent minutes.

Action: NH

5. Financial report

The annexed report was presented by AT in AB’s absence.

6. Village Vision / Village Projects

- a) No decision has yet been taken on the expenditure of the funds held over from last year for the purposes of village projects. The sub-committee will be meeting again to discuss this over the coming weeks. Colin Hayward and Linda Poil will be joining the sub-committee.

Action: AT, PH, SB, NM

- b) SB reported that the principal focus of the sub-committee was on proposals to repair and protect the verge and parking area below the village hall. A quotation of approximately £6,500 had been obtained from Lucas Groundworks for providing a low concrete curb and additional protection to the edge of the verge. They had indicated that to do the works with granite would cost approximately £15,000.

Additional quotations were being sought. The committee was in principle supportive of the proposal, although it was expected that funding towards it might also be made available by the Village Hall, the Parish Council and/or Waverley. SB will continue to progress this proposal with all concerned parties.

Action: SB

7. Events

a) Christmas parties

It was agreed that Christmas parties would take place for both adults and children on 17th December. AT to find organiser for children's party and make necessary arrangements for the adults' party.

Action: AT

It was agreed that the Terry Fincher Memorial Photo competition would again take place. AT to speak to Jayne Barlow about this.

Action: AT

b) May Fair

AT reported that work on organising next year's fair would be commencing shortly under the chairmanship of Peter Walshaw.

c) Diamond Jubilee celebration

The team of HW, DG and Jayne Barlow had met to discuss preliminary plans, which would be worked up over the coming months.

Action: HW/DG/NH

8. Village and Third Party Representations

a) Pub

There was a discussion about the ongoing issue with the pub. It was reported that discussions with the agents for the freeholders were ongoing, but unlikely to be resolved for some months. Efforts were continuing by solicitors instructed on behalf of PH to obtain possession of the car-park, which it was expected would be achieved shortly.

b) Lynes Farm drainage update

AT reported that it appeared that Surrey Highways were moving towards accepting that they would have to meet the cost of drainage works to resolve this issue, and that pressure would be maintained on them to do so.

Action: AT

c) Car parking

PB reported that after discussions with Sarah Henderson, it appeared very unlikely that Waverley would agree to the alteration of existing car-parking arrangements in the village and at the Hallams.

It was suggested that a chain might be placed across the entrance of the cricket club car park to deter dog-walkers from parking there. NH will raise this issue with the club.

Action: NH

d) Allotments

PB reported that there was some interest in this from villagers, and that he and Adam Side were continuing to pursue this to ascertain how many villagers would like an allotment.

Action: PB/AS

e) St Martin's Church

The committee recorded its thanks and congratulations to David and Patricia Allen for all their work to achieve the recently completed restoration of the church.

f) Care team

PK reported that the care team was thriving with another recent very successful coffee morning for the elderly in the village. A bank account for the care team would be opened shortly.

Action: PK

g) Signage

It was noted that the sign to Shamley Green and the "This Way / That Way" sign were both in need of repair. PB to speak to Alan Hill and/or Dick Morse to arrange for this.

Action: PB

h) Notice Board

The agreed funding for this needs to be called on.

Action: PB

i) Play area

PB reported that there was insufficient desire for this in the village for it to be worth pursuing.

j) Residents contact details

NH to provide updated list to AT and PB.

Action: NH

9. AOB

a) It was noted that the Benedictines were very soon to arrive at the Friary. It was agreed that AT and HW would visit them to discuss an event to welcome them to the village.

Action: AT/HW

b) PH reported that as a result of budget cuts, Sarah Henderson's assistant was to be made redundant. It was agreed that villagers would be

encouraged to assist her with her work where practicable, as part of the village vision project.

10. Dates for the Diary

Next meeting: Tuesday 31st January 2012.

Nick Harrison
7/11/11