

The Blackheath Village Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at “The Old Post Office” on Wednesday 1st August 2012

Present:

Alistair Taylor (Chairman)	Hamish Whiteman
Nick Harrison (Secretary)	Penny Kirkwood
Alan Barlow (Treasurer)	Steve Brockwell
Peter Herbert	
Nick Morris	

Apologies: Paul Brodie, Julie Firth, Dave Grisley

1. Minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 24th April 2012 were approved.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Events

a) Terry Fincher memorial photo competition

It was agreed that this should take place in the autumn with entries being displayed and the winner decided at the Harvest Festival lunch in October – an announcement to the village would be sent out after discussion with Jayne Barlow.

Action: AT

b) Diamond Jubilee celebrations

The committee congratulated the organisers of the Diamond Jubilee party on a highly successful event, despite the terrible weather. It was reported that approximately 300 people had attended the event, which had only been possible thanks to the last minute loan of 4 marquees by 3 families in the village and the cricket club. The net cost of the event to BVS funds, after proceeds of sale of Jubilee mugs, was expected to be of the order of £1,200.

The committee also congratulated Jayne Barlow on her fantastic jubilee exhibition at the Village Hall.

4. May Fair

There was a discussion of the fair and a vote of thanks to the organisers, SB, Peter Walshaw and James Collins, who had managed to pull off a successful event despite the rain.

AB produced a financial summary of the fair, which showed net proceeds of just over £5,500, from which customary donations of £1,850 had been made (and which had also funded the Jubilee celebrations).

5. Financial report

AB presented a financial report to the committee. He reported that the audited balance of available funds as at 31 December 2011 was just positive at £39, and the estimated balance of funds as at 30 June 2012 was approximately £2,800. The low balance of available funds in 2011 was because no fair was held in that year.

AB recommended that the entirety of the £2,800 available funds be allocated to village projects, rather than inviting bids for funding this year, as this was in line with the amount previously allocated for this purpose and AB considered that it was necessary to ensure that the Society remained on a sound financial footing. The committee unanimously accepted this recommendation and accordingly **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** no bids for funding would be invited this year.

AT reported that a cheque for £274 had been received from Kate Webb on behalf of the now defunct Toddlers Group, being the balance of funds held by that group. Although the funds had been sent to the Society with “no strings attached” it was suggested that they be earmarked for a purpose directly benefiting the children of the village. AT would discuss this further with Kate Webb.

Action: AT

6. Pub

AT reported that there had been a recent meeting with representatives of the freeholders attended by himself and PB, as a result of which the freeholders had invited an offer on behalf of the village, although they had indicated that they were unlikely to agree to sell the freehold. AT reported that he and PB were considering the appropriate terms of an offer and one was likely to be made within the next 14 days.

Action: AT, PB

7. Ranger

AT reported that the new ranger, David Oliver, had arrived, and that he would be meeting with AT and PH the following week.

8. Village Plan and Village Projects

SB reported that the works to the verge below the village hall had been delayed because the wrong kerbs had been delivered, but that they were now progressing. A working party would be required in about 2 weeks to complete the works with turf laying and sowing of grass seed.

Action: SB

9. Lynes Farm drainage update

AT reported that there continued to be lots of promises by Surrey Highways to carry out the required drainage works, there was still no action. AT understood that the delay was due to a lack of anyone having been instructed by Highways to design the works. AT would continue to press Highways.

Action: AT

10. Traffic

It was reported that a new traffic sub-committee of Jan Cope, James Collins, AT and NM had been formed and would be making further proposals.

11. Dates for the Diary

The date of the AGM was confirmed as 5th September 2012. NH to send out appropriate notice to the village, inviting nominations for membership of the committee.

Action: NH

No date was set for the next meeting.

Nick Harrison
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