

## Committee Meeting Minutes February 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

Present: Dave Smith, Alison Jervis, Sam Elliot, Becky Rodwell, Kirsty Taylor-Gallop, Christopher, Amy Dennis, Sharon Jones, Chris Minchella

Apologies: Norman Macbeth, Pippa Wood, Andy Fale, Peter Warrington,

### Chairman's Report:

Dave welcomed new members Amy and Chris to the meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

Alison stated the balance to date is £4,600 and suggested a budget maybe appropriate for the moment.

Amy is to commence as Treasurer due to Alison stepping down from the position, Norman to assist when he is available. Alison will organise Amy to become a signatory to the accounts and to enable Amy access to the memory stick. A meeting will be arranged for Alison, Amy and Norman, who will return at the end of March.

Alison explained that there is an opportunity for the power to be changed to a smart meter, everyone agreed this would be a good idea as it will be more economical.

### G.S.L. Report:

The funds for leading training are no longer required at present, the training which will be available is free and will take place in June. There is no help from explorers at present due to them taking exams.

### Beaver Report:

There are currently 20 beavers, 3 or 4 of which will be progressing to cubs shortly, therefore a maximum of 5 places will be available. The beavers will be having a sleep over at the weekend, all beavers are participating and Kirsty is due to have her indoor nights away permit awarded.

Kirsty explained that there is a district outing to Longleat organised for March and a Beajam event at Buddens. A day visit is scheduled to the jamboree and the group have been invited to a day event at Kingston Maurward for the Jurassic Jamboree.

The beaver leader now has an assistant leader, Sam to source a uniform.

### Cub Report:

There are currently 17 cubs in Shottsford and 22 in the Portman group. The cubs have also been invited to the Jamboree and a camp will be organised later in the year as the leaders will have their camp training in June and July.

### Scout Report:

There are currently 30 scouts and 5 leaders at present, the group have training for Trigg and walks are scheduled for the future.

### Future Events:

#### *St. George's Day Parade:*

The parade will be held in Sherborne on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.

#### *Bingo Night:*

The bingo night has been arranged for April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Royal British Legion in Blandford, they will be open for us to set up at 6.30 p.m. and they will provide books, the caller and the tickets sellers. The doors will be open at 7.00 p.m. ready for eyes down at 7.30 p.m. Sam to action the bingo posters. Sam said there lots of prizes coming in, we need 16 prizes and Alison to action a float. Sharon to action adverts.

#### *Horse Racing Night:*

To be discussed at the next meeting.

#### *A.G.M:*

It was decided the date of the A.G.M. will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.00 p.m. at the scout hut. A quiz night will be hosted with each scouting section organising a part of the quiz questions, Sam to organise within groups. Tea and coffee will available throughout the evening. Any other ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### *Georgian Fayre:*

The Blandford Georgian Fayre will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 10 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sharon to contact Colin Stevens in regard to arranging one pitch. It was agreed that the pitch would include a tombola, square board and food on sticks.

The Teddy Rocks Festival also finishes on this day, our own scouts will be assisting Winterbourne Whitechurch group to litter pick and retrieve any unwanted tents.

#### *Yuletide Festival:*

Charity stalls will be held within the corn exchange this year, Sam is now on the committee and will keep us all informed.

### Subs:

#### *Benefits in Kind:*

Sam has brought to the committee's attention that the subs reduction for leaders and committee member's children may have to cease as the reduction in monies could be seen as the scouting group taking on the role of employer if the monies exceed £50.00 in a financial year. This in turn may affect the insurance, therefore Dave to action speaking to HQ regarding this issue.

### Maintenance:

Dave has sourced quotes for the maintenance of the roof, the quote he has obtained is from David's and will cost £4,500 plus VAT to have the asbestos removed, this could be slightly less if there is less asbestos to remove than previously thought.

The quote to then repair the roof will be £5,500. These figures are estimated because when the leak to the roof occurred the chipboard was removed and replaced by plyboard, felted and then capped over the apex, therefore until the corrugate is taken off it won't be apparent as to the extent of the work needed.

### Tesco's 'Bags of Help':

The sum of £1,000 grant money has been received from Tesco, through the blue disc in store voting, for the construction of the nature reserve. This is great news, however the scouting group needs to decide where the money will be spent, if anyone has any ideas for this it will be discussed and decided in the next meeting.

### Photography:

The scout hut is classed as a public place therefore photographs can be taken without permission. Sam has asked leaders who take photographs, for Facebook and other social media, of the scouting group, to attempt not to include children's faces and to adhere to the safe guarding procedures when thinking of the appropriateness of the photographs.

### A.O.B.:

Dave has contacted Spectrum Housing for a grant application, Sam to continue dealing with them, Sharon has applied for a few grants and will let the committee know if we are successful.

Kirsty explained that we now have a membership to the Dorset Scrap Store.

Sam to bid on E bay for a badge maker which could be useful to take to fund raising events.

### Date of next meeting:

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00 p.m. at the scout hut