

Blandford Committee Meeting Minutes 24/09/18

Present:

Norman MacBeth, Peter Warrington, Sam Elliot, Shelley Gamble, Amy Dennis, Becky Rodwell, Chris Minchella, Sharon Jones

Apologies:

None

Sam welcomed the committee and explained that a chairman had not been appointed as yet.

Treasurer's Report:

Amy stated that the balance to date is £14,395.03. The new system is working well at present and the online payment account is proving successful. Amy also explained that the free taster session will now be offered two weeks before the payment term begins to enable clarity to the finances.

Beaver Report:

Deer Park pack have 19 beavers at present and Riverdale pack have 20 beavers. The beavers have been busy completing their Community Impact badge, they have been involved in litter picking and designing posters. Sam went to their planning meeting to encourage more outdoor work. Both packs will be involved in the Christmas tree festival and a sleep over; and a visit to a care home to sing carols.

Cub's Report:

The Portman pack has 20 members and the Shottsford pack has 23 cubs with 5 children on the waiting list.

The cubs have been making bird feeders for the Community Expo, and there is a trip planned to visit Angus Wood to collect materials for their art collection . The cubs will be involved in a cycle ride and a visit to a care home to sing carols. A camp night will be scheduled soon and also ad visit to the skate park.

Scout's Report:

There are 35 scouts at present, which is their full capacity. There is a possibility that Charlton Marshall group may reopen in May after the building is scheduled to be completed.

This term the scout group will be going back to basics with a youth led programme. Previously due to the lack of leaders to train and achieve permits the scouts have been unable to receive the skills they require to enter district competitions and camps. However due to recent stronger Beaver and Cub sections these young people moving to Scouts will be more capable and prepared.

Nature Reserve:

The nature area needs to be cleared so that plans can begin, Shelley and Sharon to source volunteers with view to a possibility of a community work morning.

Fund Raising:

The Yuletide festival will be held on 12th December inside the exchange. It was decided that the stall should include jam jars tombola and wine or water, although Sam will check with the guides choices so that we do not duplicate ideas. Shelley suggested hosting a table top sale to source any jam jar products. It was decided this will happen on 4th November from 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

Sellers to arrive at 9.30, the charge will be £5.00 and craft sellers are welcome. Sam will advertise the event.

Hut Maintenance:

Peter explained that the sheeting on the roof over the Angela Butt room needs to be tacked down, Sam to action.

The emergency lights have been changed and the security light bulbs have been purchased at a good price.

Peter asked if the brick BBQ could be dismantled as there are other BBQ's on the grounds, this was agreed.

Peter explained that some of the bricks have been painted white to ascertain where not to park, as it has been discussed that parking on the grass and under the tree during in the winter is not advisable.

Winterbourne Whitechurch group will be moving their equipment soon as a container has been sourced.

It was asked if Sam could remind packs to bring in any equipment off the field and to ensure doors are locked correctly and lights switched off. Peter wanted to make members aware that the fire door opening out to the field is a little difficult to shut properly.

The Railway Club have began painting the outside of the building and Peter has offered to bleed the radiators if needed.

Peter asked if a 5litre container of bleach could be purchased, this would be used in the toilets in between the cleaners allocated days.

It was discussed whether to move the sheds to the nature reserve where all the garden tools could be stored and therefore leaving more space for parking. If this was to be actioned Chris suggested to check for asbestos prior to this happening.

It was discussed that there is a possibility that pests are inhabiting the roof, Sam to ring pest control.

AO.B.:

Amy reported that a smart meter installation was offered by a company, the committee discussed the benefits and decided to remain with the existing meter.

Next meeting 26th November