



Minutes committee meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7:00pm

Present

Billy Maddock (BM), Sam Elliott (SE), Amy Dennis (AD), Jonathan Bowell (JB), Chris Minchella (CM), Francesca Bethell (FB), Rebecca Rodwell (RR)

Apologies

Shelley Gamble (SG), Chris Bartlett (CB)

Review last minutes

Cleaner and Secretary still needed, SE has contacted some cleaning companies and is waiting to hear back

Asbestos survey has been done, item discussed further below

Public Liability Insurance – BM to chase Railway Club and Muslim group, with deadline 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

Treasurers Report

£99 made at Yuletide

AD is getting used to OSM

SE requested if the leader's budget can be put on the OSM dashboard so they know what they can spend

GSL Report

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*Report from 10th November 2021 to 25th January 2022*

## **Sections:**

**Deer Park Beaver Colony** 12x - 2 Leaders 1 Young Leader

*Badges this term; Gardening, Camp Craft, Creative, World*

**Riversdale Beaver Colony** 15x - 2 Leaders

*Badges this term; Skills, Outdoor, Safety, Cooking, Health & Fitness*

- Overnight Camp 2nd April, Hut (*not confirmed*)

**Shottsford Cub Pack** 22x - 4 Leaders (plus Kev)

**Portman Cub Pack** 19x - 5 Leaders

*Badges this term; Adventure and World Challenge*

**Jack Thomas Scout Troop** 19x - 3 Leaders (plus Adam)

**Stour Valley Scout Troop** 24x - 3 Leaders

- Spring Camp 9th-10th April, Bere Regis (woods) (*not confirmed*)

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- Summer Camp 29th July - 1st August, Ferny Crofts (*not confirmed*)  
*Badges this term; Outdoor Challenge, Teamwork & Pioneering*

This term we have started to contact people off the waiting list to get them into a section. A few have replied and a few we haven't had replies from and have taken off the list.

**We currently have on our waiting list:**

**Beavers** (5.9-8) : 40x

**Cubs** (8-10.5) : 31x

**Scouts** (10.5-14.5) : None

## Activities and Events

- **Adults Christmas party** at the Crown went really well
  - *last 2 payments were tracked down and now should be fully reimbursed*
- Unfortunately the **Civic Carol Service** on 15th December was cancelled - we had 7 young members due to attend and read.
- **Blandford Yuletide Festival event** also went really well. Our Christmas tree lanterns were shown off really well by Beavers and younger Cubs. Some older Cubs and Scouts helped on the stall and/or handing out programmes. Big thank you to the adults that helped during the evening and to the parents who came to setup the Santa grotto.
  - *Scouts are storing all the Santa grotto decorations in the loft above the office. It may be nice for us to be in charge of this part of the event in the future (up for discussion)*
- **Remembrance Parade** was well attended by 80 members of the Group. Only a couple of readers, adults and the flag bearers attended the church service in representation of the Group, due to covid restrictions.

## Awards and Permits

- **Chief Scout GOLD** for Will M, Keslo A and Esme F
- **Chief Scout SILVER** for Samuel P and Louie B

## Future Goals

- **Archery equipment** - *Jon Massey to update*
  - **First Aid** - many leaders signed up for a first aid course last weekend that was cancelled a few days before. I have sent alternative course dates.
    - *most urgent is Alexis Tanner, who's first aid is out of date. I have been going along to meetings as the second first aider.*
  - **Mandatory Trainings** - WELL DONE to all who have completed training in the last few months!! There was a big nationwide drive to get it all done and most have which is great
    - Francesca Bethell: Essentials: Mod 1, GDPR*
    - Chloe Quance: Mod 3, GDPR*
    - Shelley Gamble: Safety & Safeguarding Exp Nov 2021*
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- **Leader Trainings** - as stated in last meeting, I will have started a list of trainings available across the South of England (particularly permits), its stored on the google drive but and I will share with adults
- **Stores** (Empty the Scout room, move Explorer stuff to Scout office, move chairs and tables to old Explorer office and use the current chair room as a lockable cleaning cupboard / Archery) - this is still ongoing. Thanks to Jon Massey for clearing some more of the Scout Office recently.
- **Outdoor classrooms / fire pit** - (Ideas from Jack Thomas, Shelley Gambles & Cubs) - need to finalise plans asap, particularly to get work completed by next winter!

## Events

- Blandford Forum Town Council Community Expo, 26/03/2022 - not confirmed
- **St George's Day Parade/Celebration**, 24/04/2022 - not confirmed
- **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations??** - Group or Sections?  
Scouts have challenges (see their 'national events' page)
  - Plant a tree for the jubilee as part of [HM The Queen's Green Canopy](#)
  - Light a beacon as part of [HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons](#) on Thursday 2 June 2022
  - Arrange [a Big Jubilee Lunch](#) on Sunday 5 June
  - Take part in [#AMillionHands](#) themed social action projects.
  - Invite a local Queen's Scout to come and speak with your Group and inspire your young people.
  - Unite and celebrate, perhaps at a specially themed jubilee camp or get together
  - Mail a thank you letter from your Group to HM The Queen.
- **AGM** - 11th June 2022 Summer BBQ?
- **Pride In The Park**, 09/07/2022, Meyrick Park

### Asbestos Report

Received – JB reviewed and confirmed no action required at the moment, but will read report again in more detail

### Flags

One Scout flag is wrong colour, and the new Scout and Cub packs haven't got a flag. It was agreed by all that SE will purchase 3x flags at £75 each

### Census

SE to input census figures by end of January

### Dates for the diary

11<sup>th</sup> June – AGM and Jubilee celebrations

### Windows

CM – obtained two quotes but will obtain another

AD – to apply for Dorset Council grant funding, if we are eligible

### AOB

FB – requested that the option of vinyl or similar flooring is investigated for the

floor in the main hall, to replace or cover the wood. This would attract more hirers.

FB to investigate options

Meeting closed at 20:30

Next meeting; 29<sup>th</sup> March 7:00pm

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