



Agenda committee meeting 25th January 2023 7.30pm

Present: Chris Bartlett (CB), Jonathan Bowell(JB) , Amy Dennis (AD), Billie Maddock (BM)
Chris Minchella (CM), Mike Booth (MB), Caroline Wawman (CW)
Apologies: Sam Elliott (SE)

Review of last minutes

Firepit:

- **Action** CB to borrow digger from work to fill in old fire pit with surrounding earth.
- **Action carried forward:** arrange a date for filling in the hole.
Action: JB to purchase 2 medium fire pits ensuring flexibility of usage.

It was decided that a portion of the next meeting would be for the committee to look around garages etc see what needs doing around the grounds.

The committee thanks JB for planning all the hedges outside the hut.

Use of Trailer :

The railway club have approached the committee about them wanting to fix the trailer and use it. Possibility of sharing/them borrowing.

Discussions around the pros and cons of shared ownership and the consensus was around the Scout Group keeping and maintaining the trailer and loaning to the railway club where necessary.

Ownership of trailer needs clarifying before any permanent decisions are made.

Action: Sam E to try and find out who actually owns the trailer

Experience Fund:

CW presented a proposed criteria document for this. Discussion of 'Experience Fund' and specific criteria and how the fund would work. It was decided that due to the extensive range of experiences our young people have, it would be difficult to specify a criteria for this fund. The committee wanted a fund specifically to support WSJ participants. Therefore the decision was made to scrap experience fund and put £500 in a jamboree line in the accounts to increase with inflation over time.

Action: AD to create line in accounts for future WSJ participants

GSL report:

Blandford Scout Group Leader Report

Report from 29th September 2022 - 25th January 2023

Beavers

Deer Park Beaver Colony 12x, 3xSL, 2xESYL

Riversdale Beaver Colony 14x, 2xSL & 2xESYL

Badges Achieved; Book Reader, Cyclist and Explore

Activities: September Archery session, Visit to Blandford Library in October. Walk along the river. A joint Christmas party with film.

Sleepover: 4th-5th March, Dino themed joint with The Winterborne & Charlton Marshall

Cubs

Shottsford Cub Pack 19x, 3xSL, 2xEYSL

Portman Cub Pack 21x, 2xSL & 1xEYSL

Badges Achieved; Scientist, Fire Safety, Home Help, Disability Awareness, Artist, Hikes and Nights Away

Activities: Hike around Pamphill in September. Remembrance Sleepover in November. Planning on hike/litterpick in February and ringos in March.

Spring Camp: 22nd-23rd April - tbc

Scouts

Jack Thomas Scout Troop 16x, 3xSL

Stour Valley Scout Troop 25x, 2xSL

Badges Achieved; Survival Skills, Quartermaster, Athletics and Nights Away

Activities: Backwood Camp late September in Bere Regis

Expedition Camp 1st-2nd April - tbc

Waiting List: Squirrels 20, Beavers 21, Cubs 11, Scouts 0 (Sept '21)

Activities and Events

- Festive Workshop Back in November, 41 young people attended and 8 adult leaders. Went really well. If we repeat this year we will keep similar times/day as it seemed popular. Activities went well, some needed more materials.
- Blandford Yuletide Festival - 2nd December. Approx 54 young people and adults. It went quite well. Some of the marshalling could have been better with more instruction.
- Adult Christmas Social 12 adult volunteers enjoyed a lovely evening at The Crown

Awards and Permits

- None this period

Future Goals

- Archery fundraising for second order - cost approx £700
- First Aid Chris B, Jemma, Jon and Pat completed first aid.
Emma and Darren need booking
- Mandatory Trainings All complete
- Outdoor classrooms / fire pit need to finalise plans
- Explorer Scout Young Leaders - Module A training needs sorting

Future Events

- Brownsea Group Trip - for JOTT 13th May (SE planning)
- Group Summer Camp - 14th-16th July (SE planning - mentioned joining with Charlton Marshall/The Winterborne, but they are now going in August now)

AOB

Windows

Action: CM to check if we need FENSA certification

Lighting and transfer to LED – carried forward to next meeting

Transfer of GSL duties to Chris Bartlett:

Action: AD to put CB on bank account and add to trustee details.

Treasurers report: AD presented treasurer report as circulated prior to the meeting.
There were no questions raised.

Dates for the diary

Saturday Friday 31st March quiz - night

Action CW to write quiz

Next meeting:

29th March