



Minutes committee meeting 18th May 2022 7.30pm

Present Billy Maddock (BM), Sam Elliott (SE), Amy Dennis (AD), Jonathan Bowell (JB), Kevin Elliott (KE), John Masset (JM), Mike Booth (MB)

Apologies Francesca Bethell (FB), Rebecca Rodwell (RR)

Review of last minutes:

Cleaning still in place and working well.

Proposal to fill in large fire pit and have some smaller ones. This is due to the pit being too large and close to residential properties. All in agreement to fill in the current fire pit and purchase some new ones that can be moved around the site and stored in the wood store.

Action: BM to approach man from council to borrow digger. There is a need to remove the concrete before filling in.

SE Proposed the option of asking parents to help break concrete and fill in with digger.

New pits would be good to incorporate grills

Action: JB to approach companies to get a firm price/discount.

Treasurers report:

GSL report:

Blandford Scout Group Leader Report

Report from 29th March 2022 to 18th May 2022

Beavers

Deer Park Beaver Colony 11, 3 Adults, 1 Young Leader (3 Beavers joining after half term)

Badges achieved; Safety & Hikes (1)

Riversdale Beaver Colony 15, 2 Adults & 1 Young Leader

Badges achieved; Money Skills & Cook

Activities: Cricket at the Club & Camp Craft.

Sleepover: Encanto themed and went very well! Beavers were nervous for their first one but everyone enjoyed it and Leaders did so well organising lots of great activity bases

Summer Camp 16-17th July Ferny Crofts Booked (with Cubs)

Cubs

Shottsford Cub Pack 19, 3 Adults

Badges achieved; Astronomy, Naturalist, Pioneer & Emergency Aid (1)

Portman Cub Pack 20, 4 Adults & 1 Young Leader

Badges achieved; Communicator, Naturalist, Pioneer, Emergency Aid (1) & Navigation

Activities: Skittles at Bryanston, Badbury Rings, Firse Station & Athletics

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Scouts

Jack Thomas Scout Troop 21, 3/4 Adults

Badges achieved; Communicator & Master at Arms

Stour Valley Scout Troop 18, 3 Adults

Badges achieved; Communicator

Activities: Gurkha visit to camp, Hike up Hambledon Hill & Skills (maintenance around the hut)

Spring Camp was very successful, everyone enjoyed the weekend of Bush Craft and Survival skills in a woods near Bere Regis. Couple of leaders have now been issued their camp permits

Summer Camp 29th July - 1st August, Huish Woods, Somerset. Scouts will be taking part in activities such as caving, rock climbing and abseiling etc.

Waiting List: Squirrels 20, Beavers 27, Cubs 18, Scouts 2

Activities and Events

- **St Georges Day** really good weather which did have a detrimental effect that quite a few young people didn't end up coming. We could have ordered a smaller coach if we had known and therefore we have subsidized the trip more than expected. 65 members attended (81 booked). The parade went really well and Blandford was the only group in the District to award Chief Scout Awards to 5 Scouts

Awards and Permits

- **Chief Scout GOLD** for Alexander Russell, Naomi Ball & Ruthie Biggs
- **Chief Scout SILVER** for Ben Tanner & Isaac Haggar
- **Chief Scout Bronze** for Max Pearce

Future Goals

- **Archery** fundraising for second order - cost approx £700

- **First Aid** Alexis, Nic, Adam completed first aid.
Emma, Pat, Jemma, Jon B, Darren, Chris B, Ian, Chris M needs booking
- **Mandatory Trainings** just 2 new Beaver leaders to get through training
- **Leader Trainings/Permits** 6 leaders (Jon M, Darren, Katie, Chris, Sam & Kev) attending Traditional raft building scout permit course £35 each in June & Darren doing NSRA Youth proficiency scheme Crossbow Shooting £150 November - both at Ferny Crofts.
- **Outdoor classrooms / fire pit** need to finalise plans, particularly to get work completed by next winter
- **Explorer Scout Young Leaders** - Module A training, needs sorting ASAP

Events

- **Bryanston Summer Fair** - Car Park Attendant, Adult Volunteers needed.
28th & 29th May 2022 9am-5pm (they will be making a donation to the Scout Group)
- **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations & AGM** - 11th June 2022 - finalize plans
- **Pride In The Park** 09/07/2022, Meyrick Park tbc
- **Brownsea Group Trip** September - tbc

Trees

JB – some trees are still left to be planted and some have been mowed down by the council.

SE - Could get Beavers to plant other trees on 29th June as part of their programme.

Discussion on removing logs and replacing with native hedging.

Action: JB to research hedging.

Windows

JB presented plans for new windows.

4317.77 total just for windows (plus fitting)

15 windows

Fitting - £100 per window plus £200 for extras.

Total cost will be about £6000.

The committee agreed to move forward with the replacement of windows.

Discussion about complete hut replacement (driven by roof condition). Agreed that this is a 10 year plan which needs someone with knowledge required to drive forward.

AGM plans

Saturday 11th June 10am - 1pm. Activities from each section followed by AGM and BBQ lunch.

Food bank storage

SE has been approached by the local food bank to ask if we had room for a storage container. Careful thought was given to this and it was decided that due to several factors (space, access, unknowns on site) we would have to turn them down.

AOB:

World Scout Jamboree

We have a Scout attending the 25th World Scout Jamboree in Korea. Their parents have approached the group asking for £1000 towards the Jamboree costs.

Discussion around benefit to the group and that £1000 is a lot to ask for. Potential to offer £500 but would like some guarantees on benefits to the Scout Group.

Decision parked until next meeting.

Action: SE to approach district about match funding from explorers.

Dates for the diary

Platinum Jubilee and AGM 11th June. BBQ and outdoor activities, each section to run an activity/game. 10am – 1pm. Games then AGM then BBQ.

Future Meetings:

Tuesday 19th July 7:15pm

Tuesday 27th September 7:15pm

Tuesday 29th November 7:15pm

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