

FRMC MEETING

8pm Wednesday 18th January

Present: Tim Barnard, Bryan Parkes, Lindy Milton, Nicola Esterby, Linda Ashley, Ann Downes, Brenda Lambie, Jean Retallick, Kate Hillaby.

Apologies: Kate Falloon, Heather Peters, Leslie Kotting, John Lambie.

Minutes of previous meeting: Agreed as an accurate record

Matters arising:

PC hasn't met since the last FRMC meeting so the issue of parking is still to be raised. ****P.Councillors**

NE to put note in next Newsletter regarding thanks for help at the Village Fete*******

BP's garage still needs clearing of Bric-a-Brac*******

Treasurer's Report:

£19,546 is in the bank after donations

£1,200 donations made from the fete

£3,200 profit netted from the fete

Childrens parties cost £356 (both)

Friendly Club £400 (xmas lunch)

Christmas dinner made a small profit of £80.00

Rose Cheswright CC- identified a grant for £1000 for playground work.

Tennis courts

TB investigating the quotation from Colour Court (about £300.00)and is going tell them to go ahead with the work. Corner post will be repaired by end of March if not before-AD

The committee discussed the possibility of children's tennis sessions in the summer, NE will speak to her tennis coach contact- signing up form to be sent to school to distribute.

Hall and bookings

Two purchases- storage boxes for tablecloths and left over toys from christmas parties (to be used for next year's party) . New key has been cut to give to Emma Pottinger (Zumba). Bookings good, Pilates did

not transpire due to lack of interest, cycle club season starts soon. The committee discussed at length the offer of broadband and wi-fi to be put into the Hall- this is a Parish Council issue.

Jubilee Playground

BL gave an update of her findings, BL and JL visited the discovery centre at Luton before Christmas, and saw a playground which they were very impressed with. BL and AD have worked on and got some quotes from this company - Timberplay. AD explained how the grants worked, and is planning to apply for a community Capital Grant (max £8000). BL to ask 2 companies for itemised quotes for supply and installation of specific equipment. AD to discuss equipment with PWP. It was decided to focus fundraising this year on the playground. Progress will be reported back next meeting

Summer Event:

LA will order the Marquee from Toby's Tents based on the quotation she has received of approximately £1,000. The following is proposed for the day:

Start at 3.00 with event aimed at children - Tea with sandwiches, large celebration cake etc; music and entertainer/juggler; face painting; fancy dress parade for children

6pm – Hog roast, salads, bread; band

Portaloos to be hired for gentlemen and placed beside village hall. Both toilets in the hall to be available for ladies.

It is proposed to sell reasonably priced tickets for the whole day. The committee will organise food for the afternoon but NE will provide contacts for the hog roast and she will also contact a band. The Farmer's Boy PH will be asked if they can provide the bar, otherwise it will be a case of people bringing their own drinks.

AOB:

KF sent a suggestion of white aluminium board to be purchased to advertise/draw attention to events/meetings in the village hall- this will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Welcome Drinks Thursday 12th July, KF is happy to arrange this, TB suggested this is held before the Jubilee Celebrations- this will be discussed at the next meeting.

JR asked if a car boot would be held this year- this was discussed briefly and decided to be held later on in the year possibly after the fete.

Linda Ashley is going to apply for permission to take part in the 'Light a Beacon' initiative for the Jubilee.

It was agreed future meetings will start at 7.30pm and aim to finish between 9 and 9.30pm, and that the Minutes should be read prior to the meeting and only Matters Arising discussed as an Agenda item.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th February 2012, at Greenside @ 07:30 to 9:00