

**BURPHAM**  
**VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND PARISH MEETING**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2015**  
**at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

**Those attending:** Paul Challen (Chairman)  
Marion Tucker (Secretary)  
Val Belton (Treasurer)  
Julie Tester (VH Hire Co-ordinator)  
Kevin Foster (Cricket)  
Bob Baynes  
Paul Dendle  
Chris Hales  
Bonnie Hamilton  
Liz White

**Action**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Ron Chapple, Ed French and Heather Birch.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015 were signed as a true record.

Item 9 (f): The ground has been chosen by Sussex CCC as the venue for a "fun Day", and this will take place on Monday 24 August.

**3. Village Hall**

(a) Lighting – Chris gave a demonstration of the new lighting, which is now fully operational. The Committee thanked Chris for all his efforts in providing such an excellent new facility for the VH.

(b) Kevin proposed an area at the bottom corner of the ground behind the oak tree for the storage of equipment. However, it may not be necessary to move the equipment from its present location if the gang mower can be disengaged, and he will look into this. A new tarpaulin is required to protect this mower. Paul Challen will look into this.

KF / PC

(c) Ron has received one quote for decorating the entire inside of the VH (£3,550), and will obtain another. Once this is received there will be a discussion as to whether any of the decoration can reasonably be done by a village and/or cricket working party.

RC

(d) The VH floor is in need of attention because the court markings are now extremely tatty. It is proposed that the tape be taken up and the lines painted, which would look better. Val has been told repainting would cost approximately £220. It was agreed that something should be done and the first step will be that Paul Challen will look at how easy it will be to remove the current tape.

PC

(e) A new long-reach brush has been provided for clearing high-level

cobwebs and dust.

(f) Julie pointed out that one of the rubbish bins outside the VH had disappeared. Marion and Ron will look into this.

RC/MGT

#### 4. **Planning**

(a) Application for Wepham Farm Barn – additional double garage. This looks set to be approved after alterations were made to the choice of building materials.

(b) Lample House – further submission to change existing garage into accommodation / garden store – pending.

(c) Reed Thatch – remove lower boughs and deadwood from beech tree – pending.

#### 5. **Treasurer Report**

(a) The accounts for the year 6 April 2014 – 5 April 2015 have been completed, showing VH net assets to be £35,703.41. Expenses show that the running costs for the VH are roughly £10-10,500 per annum, factoring in items such as redecoration. Income from hall hire is slightly less than annual running costs, so all fund-raising events are vital.

(b) David Sunray has agreed to do the internal audit once again this year, and thereafter all accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission, as normal.

(c) Val has renegotiated the VH insurance, which will save around £300 per annum. Previously BVC and BPM had separate insurances, and the saving has been achieved by combining the two with slightly increased levels of cover.

(d) The tractor used for grass cutting needs attention, and it was agreed that the costs for this be split CC 40%, VH 40%, stoolball 20%, giving costs for each of £224/£224/£112 (£560 total).

(e) Val thanked the Social Committee for all their efforts and time during the past year in raising funds for the VH.

#### 6. **Secretary Report**

(a) The now 15-monthly regular inspection by WSCC of footpaths is due to be undertaken next month. Any issues should be reported to them by the end of this month.

(b) An email has been received from Sussex Heritage Trust saying they are carrying out a survey of red K6 telephone boxes in East and West Sussex – how many survive and their condition. This information will be used to give advice on their preservation and guidance on re-use. Marion will deal with this.

MGT

#### 7. **Councillor Dendle Report**

Cllr. Dendle has some plastic 20-mph stickers for waste bins, etc., if anyone requires one / several.

There are still 3 bollards to be erected at the end of the road junction with the A27. Highways say they do not have moneys in their budget to do this. The cycle path from the station into Arundel has escalated in price, and will

probably only be partly built for the present.

8. **Social**

Proposed upcoming events:

- (a) "Call my Bluff" wine tasting on Sat 25 April
- (b) Fête on Sat 23 May
- (c) Bollywood film evening on Fri 19 June
- (d) "Alternatives" gig on Sat 4 July
- (e) Clump BBQ on Sat 1 August
- (f) Curryoke evening on Sat 24 October
- (g) Burns night with Drip Action Fri 23 Jan 2016
- (h) The Christmas activities as set out in the last minutes.

9. **Any Other Business**

- (a) As soon as one of the "dog poo" bin from the recreation ground is moved to the triangle near Peppering the collections can be re-arranged.
- (b) CCTV: Arundel Alarms had visited 6 times to try and resolve the issue of making a new LED light work. They have been unsuccessful and will not charge for their visits. However, a new bulb has been fitted and the equipment is working.

10. **Date, Time and Venue for Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  
The AGM date will be Saturday 4 July, at 10.30 am.

Agreed as a true record:

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Date:

*for Burpham and Wepham Village Committee and Parish Meeting*