

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10 October 2017

Present: Cathy Harvey (Chair), Sal Robinson (Treasurer), Kevin Trott, Jo George, Paul Bowditch.

1. Apologies.

Tim Smith and Deanne Trott sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 11 July 2017.

The minutes were agreed.

3. Matters Arising.

Nothing that is not covered by the agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report.

a) Accounts as at 9 October 2017

Balance = £2,410.53

Reserved = £894.13 (Young Volunteer Award, Activity Days, 2 benches (£350))

Amount available = £1516.40

Reserved Funds for Activity Events 2017 - 2018

West Bay Car Boot Fund	£500.00
Aiden's Amble	£136.19
Just Giving	£56.19
Activity Event - 17/8	-£170.00
Fees - 17/8	£80.00
Activity Event - 23/9	-£170.00
Fees - 23/9	£45.00
Balance	£477.38

b) Miscellaneous Income.

£450.00 worth of yellow rattle seed sold

£30 donation from Chideock Parish Council for 3 fence panels (from 5-a-side pitch)

c) Forthcoming Expenditure.

£150.00 x 2 – Kathy Kelly for mother and toddler events - 20 October & 21 November

£100 - Martin Maudsley, Halloween Story Telling Event – 25 October

The tractor will need to be serviced at the end of the grass cutting season – Paul said that Graham Evans is happy to do it for us. There appears to be an electrical fault which is draining the battery.

d) Further Funding obtained for Activity Events.

Bridport Town Council - £500 (not yet received)

Allington Parish Council - £250

e) Potential Income.

Post Code Lottery – Stage 2 application for £1,500 for training of volunteers in conducting activity events and for "Allington Hillbilly" fleeces. It would be good if we could find a mother or father who wants to be trained.

2018 calendar – if all are sold then there will be almost £400 profit, need to sell about half (50) to break even.

5. Allington Hill.

a) Path Improvement Scheme.

Some paths have been done but not the one's which really require improvement!

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b) Bench.

One bench has rotted out – contact has been made with the family and the matter is with the Woodland Trust.

6. Cooper's Wood, Cooper's Circle and Cooper's Field.

a) Flower Meadow.

The flower meadow has had a first cut and the cuttings have been removed. The weather has not been kind – too wet for more cutting.

Chris Toombs has purchased bulbs and seeds. The bulbs will be planted during half term week and seeds will be given out for people to raise, including Symondsburry School.

The area around the memorial seat is looking scruffy – Kevin said he will strim it. Maybe wood chips would help suppress the weeds?

2 "rustic" benches were ordered at the Melplash Show (£175 each) and should be delivered soon. One is going inside the gate to replace the "park" bench, the other on the top right-hand corner of Cooper's Field.

b) Cooper's Wood.

40 "thin" trees have been identified for felling and others for coppicing. Jon Harvey is doing the coppicing and it was **AGREED** to ask Roly to do the felling as he has a chainsaw licence. He has previously offered to do this and will pay us for the logs generated.

When the benches are delivered we will ask if he would be interested in felling some of the larger trees (selected by us) and taking the timber in exchange. This would be "cost neutral" way of continuing the management of the wood without any cost to us, as there is no further funding from the AONB.

c) Cooper's Circle.

AGREED that we need some higher seating. To be investigated.

7. Future Events.

a) Kathy Kelly for mother and toddler events - 20 October & 21 November

b) Martin Maudsley, Halloween Story Telling Event – 25 October

c) Commemoration of End of WW1 – 11 November 2018.

d) Other events will be held as and when.

8. Winter Volunteering Programme.

Weather permitting, work will be done on some Sunday and Wednesday afternoons.

9. Any Other Business.

Cathy may have found a mum who will come onto the committee.

Signed: -Date: