

Allington Hill Volunteers Committee Meeting

Thursday 4 July 2016

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

1. Apologies.

Deanne Trott, Kevin Trott, and Roly Broughton sent their apologies.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 2 June 2016.

The minutes were agreed.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report.

a) Aiden's Amble / AONB Grant for Activity Events.

- Aiden's Amble raised £737.59 of which £286.08 has been spent on play equipment, leaving £451.51 for activity events.
- We have obtained an AONB of £467.29 grant for Activity Events – this will be paid to us as we pay for the events.
- So the amount available for Activity Events is £918.80.
- Cathy has booked 3 events with the Magdalen Centre – Monday 15 August, Saturday 19 November and Saturday 11 February.

b) General Accounts.

- Amount set aside = £868.26. (£66.75 Young Volunteer Award, £350 from Post Code Lottery, £451.51 from Aiden's Amble)
- Actual Balance = £1163.98, less amount set aside gives £295.72 available to spend.
- £31.49 is owed to us by Allington Parish Council.

c) Invoices to be paid / money in (not included above).

- Jak's Jons - £120 for hire of toilet for Aiden's Amble and the Picnic event.
- Magdalen Centre - £435 for the 3 activity days which have been booked.
- Paul gave Sal a cheque for £250 as payment for 2 of the 3 ash trunks on the lower path on the hill above Cooper's Field. The 3rd trunk will be left as a seat for the weary!

4. Potential Income.

- Sale of Yellow Rattle Seed – we have an order for 2 kg from the Woodland Trust, at £180 per kilo.
- The Woodland Trust will pay us if we cut the paths on the hill – to be investigated.
- Money from the Carnival – Cathy has a meeting with them about what we have to do as a nominated "charity".
- Calendars – **AGREED** that we will go for 75 copies again this year.

5. What's Been Going on Since the Last Committee Meeting.

- Aiden's Amble was a great success, though it was not that well attended on the day.
- The Picnic Event was poorly attended but did make a small profit.
- The garage has been tidied and the play equipment, with the exception of the goal posts, fits into a wheelie bin. We need to hold some pre-arranged sessions to get people used to the fact that it can be borrowed. An inventory has been taken and is on tags on the hessian sacks with the play equipment inside. **AGREED** that if we don't know the group borrowing the equipment we should ask for a deposit.

6. Woodland Trust.

We need to talk to Joe Middleton (Woodland Trust Manager) about work to the Drive to improve the drainage.

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7. Coopers Wood and Field.

- The “new” top path needs to be opened up along its full length so that the tractor can mow it.
- Cathy will ask Allington Parish Council if they will pay for a contractor to mow the long grass – we will do the flower meadow areas.

8. Working Parties from September Onwards.

AGREED to arrange “themed” events, on a set day in the month – e.g. 3rd Sunday.

9. Any Other Business.

None.

Signed:.....Date:....