

Minutes of the meeting of the Watton-at-Stone Community Hall Board of Trustees held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 20th April 2004 at 1930

Present: Mr. N. Poulton (Chairman) Mr. D. Stock
Mr. I. Knight

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Meischke.

2 Declaration of interest

None.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2004

The minutes were accepted and signed as a true record during the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2004.

4 Matters arising

• **Insurance cover note for the Cricket Club Shed**

The Sports and Social Club has still not supplied us with the insurance Cover Note for the Cricket Club Shed.

Mr. Knight to chase.

Action: I. Knight

• **Cricket Club roller**

During the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2004 it was agreed that Mr. Knight (in his Sports and Social Club capacity) inform the Cricket Club that the Parish Council wants them to move the roller to the Cricket Shed as soon as possible.

• **External Lighting**

Malcolm Oakman (Mimram Electrical) has repaired the external lighting on the Pavilion-side of the Community Hall.

• **Fire extinguisher**

A replacement fire extinguisher has been purchased and installed in the Community Hall.

• **Burglary at the Community Hall on Tuesday 6th January**

Letters have been sent to the Sports and Social Club and all regular hirers informing them about the burglary and the situation regarding the loss of belongings.

• **Blinds in the Pavilion**

New roller-blinds have been installed in the Pavilion by Sunstopper Blinds.

Mr. Poulton said that further damage to the vertical blinds has occurred and Sunstopper Blinds have been asked to come out and repair them.

The Trustees agreed that Sunstopper Blinds be instructed to fix the high-level vertical blinds so that they cannot be opened. The related control lines to be shortened (so as to be out of reach) or removed.

Action: J. Allsop

• **MPPA Floodlighting**

One of the MPPA floodlights shines directly into the back of Mr. and Mrs. Riddle's property at 132a High Street, illuminating their kitchen and living room.

Mr. Meischke has visited Mr. and Mrs. Riddle and agreed that, when the sportsfield is dry enough, we ask a contractor to alter the angle of the floodlight to resolve the problem.

Action: J. Meischke

5 Condition of internal storeroom

Mrs. Gilbey has written about the untidy condition of the internal storeroom in the Main Hall. The martial-arts hirers are leaving their equipment on the floor between the shelving and the mats, making it impossible to access the badminton equipment. Mr. Stock said that we had written to Mrs. Gilbey informing her that we are taking steps to resolve the problem.

Note: Mr. Stock has written a letter (via the Clerk) to Jim Keen and Dave Boddy asking them to help us resolve this problem.

See attached

Information copies have been sent to Gill Gilbey, the Sports and Social Club and all other regular users of the internal storeroom.

6 Vandalism on MPPA

This item was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2004.

7 Skateboarding

During the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2004 it was agreed that we all meet on 27th April 2004 (at 1930 pm at the Community Hall) to discuss the subject of skateboarding further.

Mr. Knight gave his apologies for this meeting.

Mr. Poulton said that as he sees it there are three options open to us.

- i) Install skateboarding facilities at the Great Innings play area
- ii) Install skateboarding facilities on the sportsfield adjacent in the bike-ramp area
- iii) Do nothing, on the understanding that EHDC is likely to provide skateboarding facilities at Hartham Common.

If the Parish Council decides to progress the matter forward, decisions will need to be made on:

- who will be on the sub-committee
- what are our realist options for a skateboarding facilities
- the cost of the facility and how to obtain the funds. The Parish Council has not made a budget provision and therefore fundraising will be required.

Mr. Knight said that, if needed, we do know of a professional skateboarder who is willing to give us advice.

8 Contractors for grass cutting for 2005/2006 season

This item was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th April 2004. It was agreed at that meeting that grass cutting to be placed on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting to be held on 13th October 2004 so that grass cutting quotations can be obtained before the 2005/06 budget is set.

9 Cricket fixtures

The Cricket Club has given us its 2004 fixture dates. Mr. Poulton asked Mr. Knight to convey our thanks to the Cricket Club. **Action: I. Knight**

10 Dates for meetings for 2004/2005

The following meeting dates were agreed for the Watton-at-Stone Community Hall Trustees.

- Tuesday 6th July 2004 at 1930
- Tuesday 5th October 2004 at 1930
- Tuesday 4th January 2005 at 1930
- Tuesday 5th April 2004 at 1930.

11 Any other business

• Trustees Annual Report

Mr. Poulton handed out, to the Trustees present, a copy of the Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2004, which they then read through. Some minor amendments were made to the report, which will be formally presented during the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 5th May 2004.

The Clerk to e-mail a copy of the amended report to all Trustees.

Action: J. Allsop

• 6-monthly check of MPPA, Play Area on sportsfield and Community Hall equipment

Mr. Poulton and Mr. Stock will do the 6-monthly check on 22nd April 2004.

Action: N. Poulton/D. Stock

• Tennis-net winders

Mr. Knight said that for several years he has been trying to obtain steel tennis-net winders for the nets on the MPPA, because the brass ones are prone to vandalism and therefore cannot be left on site.

He was pleased to report that a local firm had made three steel tennis-net winder handles for £10 each. He then showed Mr. Poulton and Mr. Stock one of the new handles.

The new handles will be permanently attached to the tennis posts.

• The meeting closed at 2015.

• The date for the next Community Hall Trustees meeting is Tuesday 6th July 2004.