

HARMSWORTH MEMORIAL TRUST

Minutes of the meeting of the Trust held on 20TH October 2014 held at the Memorial Hall,
Benenden at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Reynolds, Thomas, Chorlton, Henning, Ellis, Davies, Barker and Marshall.

In Attendance: Fiona Chalk – Clerk, 7 parishioners, Cllrs Hall and Dawlings.

072/14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Holden.

073/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

074/14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2014

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

075/14 MATTERS ARISING

All items are included in the agenda.

076/14 CHERRYFIELDS

The transfer of the 3 pieces of land at Cherryfields from TWBC to HMT, was noted as being agreed at the last meeting and the Clerk confirmed that the transfer took place on 14th October 2014. The Land Registry paperwork will now be completed, for which there will be a small charge.

077/14 IDEN GREEN ALLOTMENT FIELD

The Planning Obligation Agreement (Section 106) between TWBC, ERHA and BPC (in its position as Trustee of HMT) was signed and a Deed for lease of the land to ERHA for the provision of affordable housing was also signed. The Deed was signed by the Chairman and 2 councillors and witnessed by the Clerk.

078/14 BENENDEN VILLAGE HALL

1. The Trust noted that 2 village hall Administrators have been appointed, Mrs Grace Wain and Mrs Athena Cripps, on a job share basis. Grace will be the primary contact for the village hall and Athena will oversee the accounts and PR.
2. It was resolved that a working group be set up to look at a maintenance programme for the village hall. This group will consist of Cllrs Davies, Ellis (P), Barker and Athena Cripps, with input from Bruce Gear, Caretaker, as required.
3. It was noted that a cheque in the sum of £273 for the insurance claim on the broken window, has been received.
4. It was resolved that Cllr Barker purchase a Wi-Fi extender to allow use of the Wi-Fi in the village hall.
5. It was noted that there are no current signatories on the village hall account and therefore all bills are currently being paid by HMT – a recharge will be done when signatories are in place.

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These minutes are not a verbatim report of the meeting, but a summary of discussion and decisions taken at the meeting

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ST GEORGES

1. The quote for works against the Quinn Quennial survey was noted. The Clerk was requested to continue to try and obtain more quotes.
2. The tenancy of the Flat is to be terminated on 3rd November. It was resolved that a meeting be held with St George's Club and the Nursery to discuss the future requirements of the building. The Clerk will arrange a meeting after 11th November for all Councillors to attend and view the property also.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT

It was noted that a parishioner had questioned whether the Parish Council or HMT should pay for the repairs to the play area equipment. HMT originally purchased the equipment and therefore pays for the maintenance. It was resolved that HMT should look at the sourcing of new play equipment and as a charitable organisation, is more likely to secure funding. It was resolved to ask the Parish Council if it would consider a contribution towards new equipment.

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FINANCE REPORT

1. The monthly finance report and schedule of payments were noted and approved and it was resolved that the Chair sign the Bank reconciliation and Bank statement.
2. The 6 monthly budget report was noted. Spend to date was noted as £14,387.48 against a budgeted year end figure of £27,670. Income was noted as £17,208.26 against a budgeted year end figure of £34,227.
3. The Finance Committee will meet at the end of November to discuss next year's budget. Cllrs Ellis (J), Thomas and Davies to attend.

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CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted no response has yet been received from Commercial Services regarding the refund claim.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is 17th November at 7.30 p.m. at the Iden Green Pavilion, Benenden.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.