

Minutes of the ORAC Meeting 23rd June 2009

Those present: Steve, Rob, Dawn, Andrew, Donald, Scott, Gordon, Nigel, Linda and Di.

Apologies: Dan

Minutes of the previous meeting: Were read and agreed

Secretary's Report: Letters as requested at AGM had all been written.

Treasurer's Report: The main account stood at £22000.00. Cash in hand was £371.00. Resident's Fund was £345.00 and the New Village Hall fund was £475.00. The fourth payment had recently been made to ESH. It was thought that approximately £1100.00 profit would be realised from the Rock'n'Roll Nite. Dawn had had a visit from a representative of the Clothmakers Foundation, concerning possible grant funding of the NVH.

Oracle: The latest edition had been delivered in the second week in June.

Web-site: It was agreed that a check of information held, would be carried out every 3 months.

Village Green: Donald had started rubbing down and staining the notice boards and the village sign.

New Village Hall: The build was basically on schedule. The kitchen design had been completed and agreed and the white goods were to be purchased ready for ESH to install. A Wi-Fi, intruder alarm and telephone line will be installed. Clearance day of the old hall is set for 18 July 2009. It was agreed that a 40foot storage container would be needed for the storage of all equipment prior to the completion of the new hall. A plan for the Pre-School outdoor play area, was laid before the committee. Following some discussion the plans were agreed.

Play Area: Thanks were expressed to Steve, who had weeded the play area.

Playing Field: Nigel had made and installed the new clamps for the goal posts. Andrew reported some dead elm trees along the footpath side of the field. It was agreed that a morning will be set aside for removal of the trees, once harvesting was complete.

Re-siting of bus stops: Two letters had been received from the Parish Council, regarding issues around the re-siting of the village bus stops. One of the letters was a proposed questionnaire. It was agreed that we were in agreement with the Parish Council that a questionnaire of this nature would be the best way forward at this time. Committee also agreed to ask the Parish Council if the questionnaire could go out in joint Parish Council/ORAC name, because of ORAC's vested interest in the proposed site (the village green).

Committee discussed the letter and questionnaire at length. They decided to submit the additional questions to Parish Council for their consideration.

These included:

1. Do you think that a shelter would be beneficial for the village as a whole?
2. Do you feel the most appropriate site to re-locate the bus stops and possibly a bus shelter, would be the village green and the grass verge on the opposite side of the road? If not, where would you like them to be?
3. Would the change of position of the bus stops and the addition of a bus shelter, encourage you to use the service?

The committee also requested that a signature and address be placed on the completed questionnaires.

Village Yard Sale: Arrangements were well in hand.

Correspondence: Committee had received a letter concerning employment issues. General discussion around this subject took place at some length. Di would write an acknowledgement to the correspondent.

Date of next meeting: It was agreed that a special meeting was necessary to start the planning for Grand Opening Day of the new hall. The meeting was set for Tuesday 14 July 2009 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 11.15pm