

Minutes of the ORAC committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January  
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**Those Present:** Rob, Di, Linda Jay, Neil, Dee, Martin, Nigel, Scott

**Apologies:** Lindsay, Ann, Linda

**Minutes/Correspondence:** The minutes of the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Di reported that the accounts were looking healthy at present with the main account having a balance of £18.5K and the second account having £2.5k, giving £18.5k balance.

The hire income was boosted by the pre-school quarterly invoice having just been received.

**Christmas Dinner:** Di also reported on the Christmas dinner. The dinner overall had made £556.60 profit, with costs of £1024.32. The dinner had been a successful event with 81 attending.

Di also mentioned that the year end accounts reported at the AGM had now been audited and this had resulted in an additional £2000 being identified. The account balance was reported at £13k but was actually £15k. The net profit was £4K for the previous financial year.

**Matters Arising:**

1. **Update on Storage** – Rob reported that the drawings for the proposed storage unit were not completed yet but should be within the next week. Once received the project could progress through the planning and quotation stages. Di read the correspondence received from the school in response to our letter outlining our proposal to them for storage options. In summary the school had decided not to proceed with the container for temporary storage but would instead support ORAC to get a storage area built and would assist with fund raising as would the friends of Occold School.
2. **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations** – ORAC had been approached to join a national network to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, this would take the form of a beacon lighting. It was agreed to make this an event to run from 6:30pm to 9pm to include fireworks, food would be available in the form of hot dogs and or burgers, with hot wine served and a bar. It was suggested that the school should be approached to see if they wished to participate.
3. **Defibrillator** – Di reported that the Parish Council had decided that they should take responsibility for this. A defibrillator was available to be supplied Free of Charge but the housing cabinet was chargeable, however the district council had indicated that a grant may be available. A parish councillor had agreed to fund the installation leaving the electrical supply to the unit requiring funding. The committee agreed that as the village hall was the most appropriate place for the unit, that the ORAC would fund the running costs. There was

some discussion as to whether the disused BT phone box would be a suitable location for the defibrillator this would depend on BT allowing this and funding the running costs this was left without resolution as it was likely to be very difficult to get an answer from BT about this.

4. **Fencing along ditch** – It had previously been agreed that the ditch along the rear boundary of the playing field should be fenced as the ditch contained deep water and was a potential hazard. Rob had some 'danger deep water signs' which he would put up as a warning. Di would try to obtain some quotes for the fencing required.

#### **Any other Items concerning**

**Village Hall:** A new electrician was required to attend to some jobs in the village hall, Di would try to find someone who could attend to these. Di had purchased some soap dispensers for the toilets, these needed fitting to the walls. Rob would do this when he could. Donald asked about painting of the wood on the porch area, he would look for a suitable stain to stain the wood with.

**Play Area/Field:** The play area had still not had any attention to rectify the items from the RoSPA inspection. Linda noted that the bark was very thin and had left prominent concrete visible. The possibility of using shredded rubber as a longer lasting solution was mentioned without resolution. It was agreed to attempt to find someone to carry out the repairs required to the play equipment. Rob also mentioned that the disabled parking space needed repainting as this was being frequently abused by persons parking on it. Martin also mentioned that pot holes were appearing in the car park.

**Village Green:** Rob raised the possibility of looking at building two houses on the village green as starter homes to be made available for leasing to persons from the village as this space seemed underused.

#### **Any other New Items:**

**Fete** – The fete would not take its usual format but would be a down sized family event. Scott would move the football tournament to coincide with a craft fair.

A possible village yard sale event and open gardens was discussed without resolution.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March