

- **ORAC Meeting Minutes Thursday 28th September 2017 @ 19:45**

Present: Dave Cox, Sandra Cox, Anne Stainsby, Di Noller, Brian Hull, Nigel Woodhouse, Neil Sizer, Gordon Erhorn, Robert Richardson

Apologies: Neil Flack

DC opened the meeting at 19:45.

Minutes from last meeting accepted by the committee.

DC proposed helping the pre-school manage their finances and cash flow by allowing them to pay rent monthly from now on. This was unanimously agreed by the committee.

- **Treasurer's report**

DN distributed the latest report (copy on file)

Balance is £14,955.68 as of 27.9.17

Petty cash £1224.83

Lunch club £1304.24

Total is £17,788.48

DN outlined payments and receipts since last report.

Total expenditure for month is £748.39

Quiz raised £880.49

Recycling £130.22

DN reported that one of the dads from preschool is replacing the taps in their unit free of charge.

Thanks extended to Steve Jones for being quiz master

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- **Proposed change to Village Hall hire rates**

This will be addressed at a separate meeting as it is expected to involve a protracted discussion. DC asked the committee to approve the free hire of the VH for Betsy Self's husband's funeral and this was unanimously agreed.

- **Occold Website / ORAC Web page**

NF was absent from the meeting so this item is postponed.

- **Treasurer's Role and Responsibilities**

DC asked if anyone had issues with the document setting out R&R's. No objections were raised, therefore the document was adopted.

- **Committee roles to be assigned**

As DN is stepping down from the fundraising role, ADJ and AS will meet with DC to obtain a list of potential donors and prepare communication / fill in forms. GE will also assist wherever possible. DN spoke about Community Action Suffolk (CAS) who send a list of grants available to apply for. ADJ to lead the applications. Mid Suffolk have a grants officer and programme worth applying for. Minor and capital grants are available – capital relevant to the extension.

- **ORAC Charity Trustees:**

- Introductions / Roles and responsibilities**

RR reported the issues discussed by the three trustees: Stephen Hubner said a budget, plan and breakdown of expenditure for the extension has to be presented to the trustees for appraisal and approval.

RR and DN are still named on the injunction for noise abatement.

- **Hall extension**

DC and NS will try to see the planning department at Suffolk Council next week. The build may not start before the playground is repaired as this has become a priority. BH mentioned that the school is under pressure for storage, and they would like to have a temporary container on the VH site until the extension is built. AS brought up issues raised at a meeting of the previous committee: potential vandalism, damage to floor and doors. DC said their need may affect the decision of which project is addressed first. The extension build will probably take in excess of 10 weeks. DC said both existing storage rooms need tidying, and some items need to be removed permanently. AS suggested the bowls club be charged for storage. DN replied that this would be unfair as no other organisation pays for storage. The doors to the storage room are badly damaged – this will be prioritised for repair.

- **Oracle publication update**

DN reported that the next edition is ready for printing and will be ready shortly. Envigo tried to use better quality paper but their printer won't accept glossy paper.

Julia Pointer and Debbie Phillips are willing to continue producing the Oracle magazine although they have both resigned from ORAC. DC suggested it would be beneficial for them to attend meetings occasionally. This was agreed by committee.

- **Race night update**

NS said race nights are being held at 2 neighbouring villages at the same time as the planned ORAC race night, so it isn't viable for £500. A race night will be arranged for early 2018.

Another quiz night was suggested and agreed for November 11, 18:45 start with a bangers and mash supper @ £7.50. Gordon will prepare flyers and posters. Nigel offered to provide sacks of potatoes. ADJ to prepare questions.

- **Christmas dinner arrangements**

DN will approach the caterers in order to determine the price of tickets for the event.

- **AOB**

Playground: NS has the contact details for a provider of play bark: Wendy at Material Change, Creeping St Mary. DN has heard that 2 children have broken bones on the climbing frame, and NS said the ground beneath the zip wire is compromised, so action is urgently required. NS, BH and DC will examine it together. DC has prepared a report detailing necessary repairs and replacements. ADJ will investigate grants. NS offered his labour. BH provided a teleporter to tip the bark in when the play area was originally created 3 years ago and offered to help with this again.

DN had an email from CAS: They hold occasional networking meetings, next one is 2nd November 0930 – 1500. Funding surgery, market place, workshops on legal issues, electrical requirements, £25 per delegate.

Jill Crouch would like to join the committee: No objections and she will be very welcome.

DC suggests putting up a sign saying ORAC Private Land to deter/warn boy racers, campers etc from misusing/abusing the VH car park.

Next meeting scheduled for **19 October 2017** – apologies AS

DC closed the meeting 21.06