

## **Minutes of ORAC meeting Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 @19:30 Occold Village Hall**

**Present:** Dave Cox (Chair), Jim Deegan (Treasurer), Gill Chapman (Minutes Secretary), Sandra Cox, Anne Stainsby, Nigel Woodhouse

**Apologies:** None

### **Minutes from previous meeting 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019:**

Nigel Woodhouse was present at the meeting. Minutes agreed

### **Treasurer' report:**

Reports for May & June were presented. £29496.10 was brought forward from May, a total of £1702.46 was received and £622.90 was paid out in June giving an overall balance of £30575.66.

A cheque for £50 donation for Barry was signed.

DC to check with Di as to whether the payments from the Dance group are monthly or quarterly.

### **Village Green:**

AS has received a price from Paul (PD Gardens) of £30 per visit. This covers grass cutting and 2x hedge trimming per year. Works to include the Children's Play Area. Clarification is required as to whether this

### **Birch trees:**

Date agreed for work to be undertaken with Peter Kerry – 2<sup>nd</sup> October. A £25 discount has been agreed for 1 free advert in the Oracle. New price £450. GC to contact Peter for his advert. DC still to contact Council re Tree Preservation Order enquiry. **DC & GC to action**

### **Hall redecoration:**

JD currently has lots of work and would be unable to start til December. DC will ask around for help. Ongoing.

### **Kitchen update:**

DC to order kickboards and install them asap & will also add wood to support the lower cupboards.

### **DC to action**

### **Christmas Dinner:**

Concerns were raised about the small committee being unable to manage the work/preparations required for this event. Agreed to look into using outside caterers and subsidising costs from ORAC funds. It is a non-profit making event. DC to contact Lesley Hull, AS to contact Thorndon village. **DC & AS to action**

### **AOB:**

1. NW has received a query from the Bowls Club as to why they were charged for the Fire Alarm repairs – it had been established that they were responsible for the glass being broken. This put the system on an override requiring a call-out visit to rectify. DC now has a spare glass.

2. A query was raised about responsibility for grass cutting along the village footpaths. Is there a Footpath Warden on the Parish Council?

3. Invoices for Oracle Adverts: In the past it has been the responsibility of the Editors. GC agreed to take this on as the only committee member on the Editing team. JD to share Di's contact details so an invoice format can be received. All regular adds have been invoiced up to January 2020. **GC to action**

4. A request has been received from Time to Play (pre-school Forest School sessions) to reduce fee from £5 per session to £2.50 due to insufficient numbers attending. This was agreed to run til the end of term in July and then review again in September if sessions continue.

**Next Meeting:                Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July @ 19.30**

Meeting closed at 20.32