

ORAC Committee Meeting
Thursday January 29th 2026 7.30pm
Occold Village Hall

Present

Gill Chapman- Treasurer
Carol Peters- Secretary
Dan Hull
Gordon Erhorn
Janet Erhorn
Emma Beilby- Walmsley

Apologies

Stephen Hubner
Johanna Matta
Nigel Woodhouse

Minutes

Minutes of last meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Fencing-Dan to price up and order
Play Bark – to be ordered in Spring from Lawes
Water Boiler – still seems to be some issues about temperature
Work Day – date to be arranged in Spring
Christmas Fair- £240 raised shared between ORAC and Friends of School
Christmas Dinner - £787 profit
Dove Players – successful event

Treasurer Report

Report attached
Electric Bill for December high but there was a lot of events. Now on a different tariff and standing charge is lower. This is 1 year fixed until 15 January 2027.
£251 from locality award
£ 14833 current balance

Fundraising

Coffee Morning still well attended
Craft Group

Soup Lunch
Private Booking request ORAC to run bar
Possibility of Fashion Show
Games Night
Christmas Dinner
Music Bingo
Summer BBQ and games night

Maintenance

Tree cutting completed
Leaking tap replaced - thanks to Dan and Dave
Outdoor Lights – electrician booked
Electric Bill – new tariff
Abacus to look at emergency lighting
Changes to recycling will mean we will no longer have bottle or cardboard bins

Correspondence

Gary Cooke from JFF requested to put small storage cabinet in hall for the music, all agreed. He has now provided ORAC with code for photocopier. Have applied to Parish Council for grant towards grass cutting, playpark maintenance and upgrade of kitchen equipment.

AOB

March edition of the Oracle will be the last one Gill will produce. Huge thank you to Gill for all her hard work producing Oracle for the last few years. As yet no one has shown an interest in taking over.
Possible village litter pick –maybe coincide with workday in Spring
Need to consider buying sound system, dishwasher, and new cooker

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday March 26th 7.30 Occold Village Hall