



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on May 12th 2011. 7pm.

Present : Adrian Smith (AS)- Chairman, Jim Parker (JP), Ray Yarnell(RY), Norma Yarnell(NY), Eileen McHugh(EM), Andy Humphries(AH), Phillip Aubrey (PA), Dorothy Snaddon(DS), David Matthews (DM), Barry Lynock (BL), Grace Hampson (GH), Keith Williams (KW)

Apologies for Absence: John and Jill Alexander, Bob Dale, Sarah Courbet, Joanne Morton,

Minutes of the Previous Meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record except that one error be clarified and amended. The minutes stated that" 48 members had paid the subscription totalling £153 and £105 was outstanding" This seems incorrect based upon level of subs but it was uncertain what the correct figures are and so this will be checked with John Alexander Action: AS.... **March 2011 minutes **amended from May Committee... to:- we currently have 153 members who pay annual subscriptions, which should raise about £1,500 in subs income. At the time of the meeting 48 had paid, therefore leaving 105 still to pay.**

Thanks to JP for bringing this to committee's attention.

Matters Arising:

Hopwood /Meadows- This was deferred until the next meeting

Monthly Talks Entrance fee- There had been some comments about the £1 charge levied at monthly talks. £45.20 was collected on the evening. It was agreed to leave as agreed but to review the charges again in December 2011. Action SC
Village Hall Charges – The committee agreed to the revised charges for the Village Hall and agreed that meetings should continue to be held there. Action: NY

Footpath Report

BL reported there had been 2 outings so far this year and some outstanding jobs had been completed.

There are some changes to the WCC funding of footpaths. In future there will be no grants but he has been asked to submit any expenses incurred to WCC and it will be reimbursed. BL was happy that the system was working ok so far. He suggested that AVS should close one Bank Account and just maintain the Main Account as the second was no longer needed. JP asked if it would still be possible to identify footpath funds within the accounts. There is currently £793 in the Footpath Account . It was agreed it should be possible to do so.

It was agreed to record the changes in the Parish Newsletter and the fact that the change was not impacting on the maintenance of the Footpaths in the Parish. If anyone had comments these should be sent to BL. Action: AS

Programme 2011/12

Work on the next year's programme was progressing well and some speakers had been identified. RY and EM are working on this.

The timescale for completion is for the final programme to be at the printers by mid July 2011 and that they should be distributed in August 2011 before the first walk in September 2011 which is the first event. Action: AS

AVS Committee and Sub Committees

There is no need to change sub committee membership as it is working ok at the current time.

Events

Flower Festival PA and AS will set up the stile and RY and EM will take wild flowers to the church and arrange with Mary. It was agreed to leave some AVS leaflets at the church in an attempt to attract new members

May Talk- EM will take tickets to May talk to sell for Summer Outing to Marlbrook Gardens. They will cost £5 (visit to 2 gardens). Details will also go into Village magazine

June Walk on 5th will leave from Jinny Ring Car Park, Hanbury 2.30pm

Programme 2011/12- Speakers are being identified as stated above. EM suggested that in May 2012 there should be a talk on the History of Alvechurch and that leaflets advertising this, should be targeted on the new housing development in Tanyard Lane in an effort to recruit new members

Finance

KW reported there is currently £1564.86 in the current account. £470.00 has been received for payment of subs to date with expenditure of £941.00 – the main costs being for the annual report.

It was agreed to send a separate letter from the Treasurer to remind members about outstanding subs.

Action KW

There had been some response from life members to confirm they were still interested in receiving the Annual Report. The deadline for responses will be July 2011- If no response by then it will be assumed the report is no longer required.

It was agreed to increase the number of signatories for AVS to 4 members (AS, AH, KW,EM) with any two to sign each cheque issued. This will bring the Society in line with other Organisations

Action: KW

It was agreed to encourage payment of Subs by Standing Order. Where this is taken up a slip will be returned to AVS to confirm they are renewing membership and members will then send the form to their bank to arrange the payment. Each year the treasurer will send a separate letter to remind members that subs are due in January each year.

Action:KW

KW will look at mail merge labels with excel addresses in order to ease the task of sending out letters to members

Action:KW

KW will update each meeting on outstanding membership subs.

Names of Corporate members will be circulated

Action: AS

Marketing

Notice Boards are all up to date.

Website is in the process of being updated

Action:SC

The committee discussed measures to encourage new members. A Youth Section was suggested and DM agreed to raise this at the Lounge although he was not optimistic it would be taken forward at the current time

Planning Issues

AS reported there were no specific planning issues to bring to the attention of AVS.

Parish Issues

It was noted that the travellers who had been at Hopwood and Rowney Green had moved to Barnt Green. They are currently targeting public spaces as it is more difficult to move them on from this land.

Any other Business

CPRE meetings for Bromsgrove and Worcestershire are to be held in June. DS is attending these and will report back.

Lorna- It was agreed to mark the long service given by Lorna to AVS by offering her a Vice President role and also by sending her flowers as a token of appreciation for her work

Date of Next Committee Meeting – 7th July 2011 7pm.