



Note Abbreviations: C/FWD – carried forward

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16 October 2008

Present: Martin Phipps (MP) Noelin Hawkins (NH) Pat Phipps (PP) Jim Parker (JP) Andy Humphries (AH) Lorna Sage (LS) Eileen McHugh (EMH) Kate Brennan (KB),

Apologies: - John Sidwell (JS), Sylvia Cartwright (SC), Mark Peters (MP), Bob Dale (BD).

Minutes of previous meeting – 10/7/08

The minutes were approved and signed by AH.

Matters Arising

None

Finance and Admin

The current account stands at £1229.75 and the PFP account stands at £1,271.37. AH is chasing up Worcestershire County Council for monies owed to the AVS regarding the Auger which is now insured for use by the footpaths committee.

The number of unpaid subscriptions total **71** out of a total membership of **260**. AH will deliver or send a letter to those who have not paid.

Future President

Digby Jones will open the new school in November and another approach will be made regarding his presidency of the AVS. The committee are also awaiting a response from Bill Bryson. Other names have been mentioned and these will be approached in due course.

Programme Secretary

EMH and GH will arrange a visit to PP to discuss what is involved and will consider taking a joint position. EMH will report back at the next meeting.

The Meadows

Having debated the issues at a previous committee meeting, AH will now discuss the matter with Roger Hollingworth of Bromsgrove District Council to see if progress regarding drainage can be made..

Walks and Talks

The October walk had a good turn out. The latest talk had a relatively low turnout with only 35 people in attendance. The next talk will be given by a magistrate and the committee have been asked to donate the payment for the speaker to a charity of their choice. This will be decided at the next committee meeting.

C/FWD All

Christmas Revels

PP reported that the arrangements were underway and food will be similar to last year with a few minor adjustments. Those who purchase food and drink for the occasion will be offered payment for their contributions.

Marketing

Noticeboard Plaque

As JS is currently unwell this will be carried forward to the next meeting. **C/FWD JS**

Web-site

The committee has agreed a payment of £500 (from the original grant of £800) to the web-site developer. The developed has agreed to donate the payment to St Laurence Bell Fund.

Membership

Two new members have joined as a result of the Daffodil plant. Another two were expected to turn up at the current committee meeting but AH advised that they had sent their apologies. A third member has been recruited from the Footpaths committee bringing a total of three new members to the existing committee. It was agreed that we need to look at membership as a separate issue. NH suggested that the idea of a junior AVS should be discussed further as this could act as a way of getting parents more involved in the village society. NH will put some ideas together for the next meeting. **C/FWD All**

Planning

Apart from a couple of enforcement notices, there was nothing further to report. Enforcement resources are limited at BDC and this has previously been reported to the Audit Commission by AVS.

AVS 40th Anniversary

See separate table which covers all the ideas and their progression. It was noted that the Parish Council had not contributed to the purchase of the daffodil bulbs, though this situation may change next year.

Footpath report

The season has now finished and the drainage under the canal at the aqueduct has been completed. A more permanent solution is needed there and AH will approach British Waterways and the County Council to move this forward.

The breakfast meeting will take place on 8/11/08 and it is anticipated that SC will attend. NH will speak with her and arrange transport for her to attend. AH has wheelchair if necessary.

Village Issues

PACT feedback by AH

The last meeting went well. Three major issues are all being dealt with currently.

The drainage problems on Birmingham Road are being dealt with by Severn Trent. Other drainage problems around the village are being examined by a employee of Worcester County Council. The provision of a football pitch is dependent on the drainage at the Meadows site

The old school site

Part of the site may be used for affordable housing whilst another part may be offered for temporary allotments. Public consultation will need to take place before any decisions are made about its future.

Overall condition of the village

This was discussed at the previous **PACT** meeting and the condition of the railings along Red Lion Street drew particular attention. It appears that some clearing of the weeds has started but JP pointed out that other areas have not been touched.

Any other business

None – the meeting finished at 20h50