

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE BLACKBOYS VILLAGE  
HALL, RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENTS TRUST INCORPORATING  
PALEHOUSE COMMON RECREATION GROUND  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NO: 305225  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BLACKBOYS,  
ON TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7 PM**

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**Present**                      Rob Newton (Chairman)                      Myran Eade  
   Selina Allen                                      Ian Paisley  
   Richard Brocklebank                      Fred Thurston

**In attendance**              Ann Newton – Parish Clerk                      Members of the Public – none.  
   (Officer to the Trust)                              Members of the Press – none.

*(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda but not necessarily the order in which they were taken at the meeting. A copy of all the reports mentioned will be attached to the minutes for the minute book).*

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Felicity Groves, Peter Friend, John Mordaunt and Maria Naylor.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

*Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda.* Fred Thurston declared a personal interest in that he is a joint-tenant of one allotment plot in Blackboys. Fred Thurston also asked for it to be noted that he is Chairman of the Management Committee of Blackboys Village Hall.

### **3. Minutes of the last meeting**

It was agreed that the minutes from the last meeting held on 21 July 2010 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

### **4. Matters arising**

- **Allocation of a councillor to oversee Blackboys Recreation Ground.** Myran Eade offered to fill the role. This was gratefully accepted by all.

*All other matters arising are detailed under the relevant subject headings as discussed at the meeting.*

### **5. General Correspondence**

There was none.

### **6. Finance**

- **Update from the Parish Council FGP Committee on the separation of the accounts – potential ‘donation’ to the Trust.** The Clerk reported that following on from the recent PC meeting it had been agreed to transfer the income from Blackboys allotments and the charity dividend monies to the Trust account to cover sundry items.
- **Schedule of expenditure as at 30 September 2010** – this was adopted as read. Fred Thurston asked for the RFO to provide the spreadsheets in time for them to be sent out with the agenda enabling members to study the details prior to the meeting.
- **Formal agreement of the payments/disbursements as detailed in the report circulated at the meeting.** This was proposed for agreement by Ian Paisley, seconded by Myran Eade and agreed by all present.

<u>Blackboys Trust Expenditure</u>	£
South East Water Ltd (allotments)	£188.27
<u>BVH Expenditure</u>	
Sandra Smith (Hall cleaner – October)	£102.98

- Extra item: The Clerk reported that Arbor Management have submitted a list of end of season 'tidy up' items on all areas for which they cover for £240.00 This was agreed.

## 7. Other matters for Discussion

- **Blackboys Recreation Ground.**
  - **Grass-cutting contract.** The meeting agreed that the Clerk should instruct Arbor Management to cut the entire recreation ground excluding the Cricket square commencing next season. The cost would be £90.00 per cut and there will be 8 cuts per season. The Clerk was further requested to ask Arbor for a quote to carry out an extra bi-monthly cut for the months of May, June, July and August just of the cricket outfield. Lastly, agreement was given to dispose of the gangmowers for the best price, possibly offering them to Arbor in the first instance.
  - **Gated Access.** The Clerk mentioned that as agreed she has not embarked on the arrangements for the two households who have gated access onto the recreation ground until matters at Framfield recreation ground have been brought to a conclusion. However, the situation is also slightly more convoluted as the gates open directly onto the play area. Advice has now been received from NALC for Framfield and Selina Allen and the Clerk stated that they would initiate a visit to the relevant household to endeavour to progress things further.
- **Palehouse Common Recreation Ground.** Ian Paisley reported that the tulip tree was looking rather sad, but other than that had nothing to report.
- **Blackboys Allotments**
  - **Request for the use of a hose pipe by a tenant.** The meeting agreed that the tenant should be informed that in line with the tenancy agreement, hosepipes should not be used. The Clerk also asked if Peter Friend could survey the allotments to see if any plots need attention prior to the issuing of new tenancy agreements.
- **Report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.** Fred Thurston reported that the AGM was scheduled for next Wednesday, 10 November 2010. The hire rates would be reviewed for the following year commencing 1 April 2011. However the budget projections had shown that there would be a projected profit of £2,767.00 (even allowing for a 5% increase in utility and oil bills) so his recommendation would be, bearing in mind the current economic climate, that there should be no increase. The profit last year had been £3,206.00 with a loss the previous year of £485.00 due to continuing Renaissance works. The Renaissance project was almost finished so could be discounted in subsequent years for any significant costs. Members of the Trust agreed that a nil increase was very agreeable at this time of economic strife. Repairs are at a minimum although some top-dressing of stones on the top car park might be necessary.

## 8. Future Matters

- **Review of the booking/charging for the use of the ground etc.** The Clerk stated that hopefully with the start of the progress on the Blackboys Pavilion, the time would soon be right to commence talks on a review of the booking/charging structure on predominantly the buildings although in conjunction with the use of the recreation grounds. Rob Newton highlighted a recent incident at the Memorial Hall necessitating the need for a review/reiteration of the booking arrangements. In his capacity as Chairman of the Hall he would be writing to the parties involved.

## 9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Comment was made that the gate from the twitten from School Lane to the recreation ground needs attention. Rob Newton and Myran Eade stated that they would look at it.

## 10. Date of Next Meeting, Tuesday, 25 January 2011, at the Village Hall, Blackboys, commencing at 7 pm.

*The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.*

**Chairman**.....

**Date** .....