

**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, 25 JANUARY 2011 AT 7 PM**

Present	Rob Newton (Chairman) Selina Allen Myran Eade Peter Friend	Felicity Groves John Mordaunt Maria Naylor
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In attendance	Ann Newton – Parish Clerk (Officer to the Trust)	Members of the Public – none. Members of the Press – none.
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(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

Richard Brocklebank and Fred Thurston.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. Myran Eade declared a personal interest in the item on the Blackboys Pavilion Project as he is associated with Blackboys Cricket Club. On decision-making matters if the meeting thought appropriate, Myran would leave the room. Rob Newton stated that he would not take an active part or vote, on any decision-making discussions involving the Pavilion, as an adjacent neighbour to the recreation ground.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

It was agreed that the minutes from the last meeting held on 2 November 2010 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

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

5. General Correspondence

There was none.

6. Finance

- **Schedule of expenditure as at 31 December 2010** – this was adopted as read.
- **Formal agreement of the payments/disbursements** as detailed in the report circulated at the meeting.
There was only cheques to retrospectively approve for December as follows:-

Blackboys Village Hall Expenditure

Mrs Sandie Smith (cleaner)

£
84.89

(cheque no 000182 VOID)

(Cheques received

Charishare and Charinco dividends - £251.47)

7. Other matters for Discussion

- **Blackboys Recreation Ground.**
 - **Grass-cutting contract.** The Clerk reported that Arbor Management have confirmed a figure of £45.00 per cut to carry out an extra bi-monthly cut for the months of May, June, July and August just of the cricket outfield. This expense will be borne by the Cricket Club. There are currently two interested parties in purchasing the gangmowers.

- **Gated Access.** (The Clerk reported that a date is still to be arranged with one party in Framfield). However, confirmation has been received from WDC that one of the two houses with gated access to the Blackboys play area is Council-owned and the other is in private ownership. The meeting agreed that in both instances as the gates have been in-situ for sometime they should be retained subject to the paperwork being signed and that the gates should remain closed except briefly when being used for access. This privilege will be withdrawn if they are seen to be left open on a regular basis, the reasoning being that as both gates not only open onto a recreation ground, but also a children's play area, the residents are being given special consideration to retain the gates.
- **Removal of Seesaw.** The Clerk reported that she is having problems in obtaining quotes for its removal. She also added that it might be possible to replace the seesaw quite cheaply with a toddler rocker if the Council were in agreement.
- **Palehouse Common Recreation Ground.**
 - **Removal of the Swings.** The Clerk reported that again she is having problems in obtaining quotes for their removal.
 - **Seat outside the play area.** The Clerk stated that the handyman had reported that the seat was badly in need of repair. The meeting decided to ask for its removal.
- **Blackboys Allotments**
 - **Review of the tenancy agreement.** All members were in receipt of a copy of the agreement which was agreed as last year. A raise in rent per plot, which had been advertised last year, was agreed at £15.00.
- **Report from the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.** In the absence of Fred Thurston the Clerk reported two new regular users – the Uckfield Wine Circle and a bible study class.

8. Agreement for the Use of Blackboys Pavilion and Recreation Ground

- **Resolve to approve the hire agreement and set the first annual fee for the use of the Pavilion and recreation ground by Blackboys Cricket Club** - as circulated at the last meeting. All members were in receipt of a revised agreement as submitted by the Cricket Club (no principles were changed, some items had been reworded). The meeting resolved to adopt the agreement (proposed by Selina Allen and seconded by Maria Naylor) and to issue it for the season of 2011. The meeting then proposed that an annual registration fee of £5.00 with an annual hire fee of £250.00 be charged to the Cricket Club. This will be subject to an annual review. (JM/MN).

9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Myran Eade asked when the gate from the twitten from School Lane to the recreation ground would receive any attention and that two metal seats also required repairing. The Clerk reported that ESCC had the gate in hand and the handyman was looking into the possibility of welding the seats.

10. Date of Next Meeting, Tuesday, 29 March 2011, at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, commencing at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Chairman.....

Date