

**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, 26 MARCH 2013 AT 7 PM**

Present Jeff Goggin (Acting Chairman) Felicity Groves
 Richard Brocklebank John Mordaunt
 Myran Eade Rob Newton
 Peter Friend

In attendance Ann Newton – Parish Clerk Members of the Public – four
 (Officer to the Trust) Members of the Press – none.
 Jan Riddle – Treasurer to the Trust

(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).

Mrs Emma Doherty (representing the New Life Church) and Mr Brian Short (Caretaker) were in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Selina Allen and Maria Naylor. In the absence of Maria, Jeff Goggin as Vice Chairman took the Chair.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. Rob Newton declared a prejudicial interest on any decision-making discussions involving the Pavilion, as an adjacent neighbour to the recreation ground. Myran Eade declared a personal and prejudicial in any item concerned with Blackboys Cricket Club as a leading member of the Club. Jeff Goggin declared a prejudicial interest in any reference to Gill Goggin, cleaner/bookings clerk at the Hall, as she is his wife.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

All Councillors were in receipt of an email from Mr and Mrs Eric Turner denying that they used the word 'incomers' more than once at the last meeting and that it was a term of abuse. Following brief discussion, the meeting proposed that the minutes should stand as the term was used without doubt more than once and in the manner in which it was used they believed, as the recipients, that it was abusive. It was subsequently agreed that the minutes from the last meeting held on 22 January 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record (JG/PF).

4. General Correspondence

- Email from Sheila Walters – for information – a copy was held by all along with the reply.

5. Finance

- **Schedule of expenditure as at 28 February 2013 (Hall and Trust)** – the report was adopted as read (PF/JG).
- **Formal agreement of the payments/disbursements** as detailed in the report circulated at the meeting and detailed below (JG/RN).

<u>Blackboys Village Hall Expenditure</u>	£
Mrs Gill Goggin, Cleaner/Bookings Clerk (March)	XX.XX
Mr Brian Short, Caretaker (March)	XX.XX
<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions</i>	
HMRC: March tax for Cleaner/Bookings Clerk and Caretaker	XX.XX
<u>Cheque dated 5 April 2013</u>	
WDC (non-domestic rates 01/04/2013 – 31/03/2014 – paid by DD)	115.39

6. Allotments

- Matters arising

BB 046	Clerk to send out tenancy agreements. This had been done.
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- Any other Allotment business.
 - Allocation of vacant plots. The Clerk reported that the residents on the waiting list had nearly all been suited and there were still vacant plots which she had advertised again in the Parish Magazine.

7. Village Hall

BB 044	Clerk to arrange a meeting between representatives from the Pre-school and Trust to look at the practicalities of installing another door in the main Hall. Jeff Goggin reported that with the potential fees for a structural survey he thought that this had made the costs prohibitive.
BB 045	Jan Riddle to pursue the back rent owed by the line dancing class suggesting staggered payments if necessary. Jan reported that she had received a cheque for £100.00 and was hoping to receive the balance by the end of the month.
BB 047	Clerk to investigate the possibility of erecting a mirror opposite the entrance to the Hall – contacting the landowner in the first instance. This was still to be done although the situation was thought to be improved with the cutting back of the hedge. ACTION: BB 049 – CLERK.

- Any other Hall business.
 - Southern Water – mains connection. The meeting discussed the ongoing problem with the cess pool and the sudden requirement to have an almost monthly empty. The Clerk had obtained details of the mains sewerage connection in the vicinity. The meeting agreed that in the first instance a drainage expert should be brought in to investigate if there is a problem as perhaps the surface water is entering the tank. **ACTION: BB 050 – CLERK.**
 - New Life Church:
 - Piano. Emma Doherty asked if the Trustees would object to having a piano in the main Hall which they would have responsibility for. Permission was given.
 - Sign – permission was given to erect an A3 sign on the front of the Hall – further details of the materials would be given to Jeff Goggin prior to erection.
 - Old post – a member of the Church would be taking the old sign post. He was requested to remove the bracket as well.
 - Brian Short stated that one of the outside lights is not working again. Jeff Goggin confirmed that Richard Hudson has been contacted to look at it along with the faulty socket in the kitchen.

8. Recreation Ground

- Matters arising. *[Rob Newton and Myran Eade left the room].*

BB 048	Clerk to draft the alterations to the Blackboys Cricket Club hire agreement which would be required to include the stipulations in the tree protection plan – all Trustees were in receipt of a copy of the draft which was proposed for adoption and agreed by all present.
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- Any other recreation ground business
 - The Clerk detailed a conversation she had had with Bob Ruthven, President of the Blackboys Cricket Club and read out his subsequent email. The essence of the approach was to see if there was a way forward with the refurbishment of the Pavilion now that the building regulations had been obtained. He appreciated that negotiations between the Council and Club had been difficult and was prepared to put forward representatives of the Club who had not been involved in discussions before (himself, Sheila Walters and David Jenner). He

suggested an informal meeting in the first instance. The Clerk explained that many aspects of the situation had been discussed – the Trust’s wish to pursue the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall, the need to go out to formal tender and then place a formal contract for any works. The decision was made in January to stop the project at the present time – this decision cannot be reversed for six month (July) unless formally proposed as such by three Trustees. Following discussion, with differing views from the Trustees – the meeting agreed that the Clerk should send the revised agreement to the Club as detailed above with a letter asking the Club to comply with all the stipulations (mainly concerned with the tree root protection plan). When these stipulations have been complied with, they would consider the suggestion of an informal meeting with those detailed. **ACTION: BB 051 – CLERK.**

9. Palehouse Common Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

Framfield Trust

- Letter from the FF & BB Horticultural Society – the meeting agreed that the Society could use the facilities for the Show. Clerk to advise. **ACTION: BB 052 – CLERK.**
- Memorial Hall waste collection. The Clerk advised the meeting that contracts had been issued by the new waste contractor, Kier, for the waste collection at the Hall. The price appeared to have increased significantly along with other such establishments across the District. The matter was to be discussed at a meeting the next day. **ACTION: BB 053 – CLERK.**
- David Jenner asked if the Stagers could use the recreation ground for a concert after the Summer Show in the evening. Permission was given, although David was asked to send an email to the Clerk confirming their position once they have spoken to the Show Society regarding the marquee. **ACTION: 054 – DJ/CLERK.**

Blackboys Trust

- David Jenner asked if Sheila Walters could become the Cricket Club representative on the Trust. This was agreed. Representatives now have no formal role as the Trusts have been taken back under the direct management of the Trustees.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 28 May 2013 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Chairman.....

Date

Copies to:

Representatives

Janet Ashdown (Pre-school)
Emma Doherty (Welcome Church)
Erna Lewis (Rag Rugs)
Ann Turner (Historical Society)
Sheila Walters (Cricket Club)

Employees:

Jill Goggin (Bookings Clerk/Cleaner)
Brian Short (Caretaker)