

Minutes of the meeting of Winsford Trust

Held Monday 22 November 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Wilkins (CW) – Chair, Kevin Connell (KC), Sarah Little (SL), Mel Mileham (MM), John Bray (JB) and Parish Clerk Jennifer Yates (JY)

CW opened the meeting at 15.00pm

1. **Apologies for Absence** – David Luscott
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Outstanding Actions** – The minutes from the meeting 25 January 2020 were accepted. Action – Clerk to investigate options for a constitution for the Trust.
3. **Financial Report** – JY gave a verbal update on balances of accounts she has access to. She is still completing forms to get full access – some signed at this meeting.
4. **Maintenance of the Village Green** - Action - Clerk to contact the insurance company re the use of volunteers for spraying etc. Councillors wish to know if work can be authorised under the PC insurance. Clearing up for the Christmas tree will be weather dependant. There is a parishioner who is willing to carry out work on behalf of the Trust, he is licenced for this. Approval was given for a payment of £272 for the mowing of the Village Green.
5. **Report on Swings** – There would be a large cost for the replacement of these (including the flooring etc). Sue Hayes has offered to fund raise and it would be anticipated approx. £7,000 would be the goal.
Actions – i) JY to find the date the next inspection is due ii) JY to approach SALC/Somerset Community Council re grants, and iii) JY to contact the Trust Fund Manager to request he comes to discuss funds and whether we can spend money and repay it later.
6. **Wooden Benches** –These will need to be replaced at some point. Discussion was held as to the best replacements and MM recommended a plastic substitute which still looks like wood but is low maintenance and more durable. This idea was well received.
7. **Wooden Gate** – ENPA will be doing the work on the Village Noticeboard. Action - MM agreed to contact them with regard to doing the gate at the same time.
8. **Christmas Tree** – When the next budget is calculated it needs to include an allowance for a Christmas Tree. This has been ordered by MM for this year.

SL left the meeting at 15.41

9. **AOB** – Discussion was held re putting in place a booking system for Village Green amenities eg the Skittles or use of the Green. This would avoid clashes and should be covered by insurance. The Skittle Alley needs to be repaired but could be an investment if it was then used to raise funds. Action - CW to approach Mr Barry for an estimate.
10. **Date of next meeting** – it was proposed that the next meeting could be in January, following the PC meeting.

CW closed the meeting at 15.52pm