

**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, 30 OCTOBER 2012 AT 7 PM**

Present	Maria Naylor (Chairman) [part]	Jeff Goggin (Vice Chairman)
	Selina Allen	John Mordaunt
	Richard Brocklebank	Rob Newton
	Peter Friend	Ian Paisley

In attendance	Ann Newton – Parish Clerk	Members of the Public – one.
	(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).

Mr Brian Short (Caretaker) was in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Felicity Groves.

2. The position of Myran Eade as a Trustee

All Trustees were in receipt of a letter sent to Myran voicing their concerns regarding his position as a Trustee and with his leading role at Blackboys Cricket Club. The best interests of the Trust must always be the primary concern as a Trustee and the letter asked him to resign from the Trust due to his conflict of interest and loyalty. The Trustees realise that this situation is a difficult one but it is apparent that the Cricket Club is his primary concern. However they must ensure complete transparency and fairness to the beneficiaries of the Trust – the parishioners. Subsequent to Myran's refusal to resign his position the Trustees proposed that Myran be removed from the Trust for that meeting in order to take further advice. This was proposed by Maria Naylor, seconded by Jeff Goggin and approved unanimously. Myran left the meeting. *(The public were excluded from the room whilst the discussions ensued).*

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. Rob Newton stated that he would not vote, on any decision-making discussions involving the Pavilion, as an adjacent neighbour to the recreation ground. Jeff Goggin declared a prejudicial interest in any reference to Gill Goggin, cleaner/bookings clerk at the Hall, as she is his wife.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

It was agreed that the minutes from the last meeting held on 31 July 2012 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

5. General Correspondence

- David Jenner had handed Maria Naylor a letter prior to the meeting regarding the cricket square.
- The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call that day from the Chairman of Buxted Cricket Club (Paul Francis) who had had a meeting with Myran Eade. Mr Francis was enquiring about the use of the recreation ground by the Club – he was asked to detail the request in writing.

6. Finance

- **Schedule of expenditure as at 30 September 2012 (Hall and Trust)** – the report was adopted as read (PF/JM).
- **Formal agreement of the payments/disbursements** as detailed in the report circulated at the meeting (RB/JM).

Blackboys Trust
South East Water Ltd (allotments March/September 2012) 81.04

Pavilion Account
South East Water Ltd (recreation ground) 15.02

Blackboys Village Hall Expenditure
Go Pest (treatment for wasps nest) 40.00
Mrs Gill Goggin, Cleaner/Bookings Clerk XX.XX
Mr Brian Short, Caretaker XX.XX
Both salaries paid net of deductions
HMRC: tax for Cleaner/Bookings Clerk and Caretaker XX.XX

Pavilion Refurbishment
None.

7. Recreation Ground

- Matters arising – there was none.
- Pavilion Refurbishment.
 - The Clerk reported that the tree protection and building regulations applications were underway.
- Any other recreation ground business – there was none.

8. Village Hall

- Matters arising.

BB 034	Rob Newton to look into the possibility of the installation of a thermostat in the Hall. Brian Short had taken over this action point and would be contacting the boiler engineer. <u>ACTION: BB 039 – BS.</u>
BB 035	Rob Newton and John Mordaunt to investigate the installation of a light on the side of the Hall facing the top car park. This was still to be done. <u>ACTION: BB 040 – RN/JM.</u>
BB 036	Welcome Church – meeting notes to be sent out. This had been done.
BB 037	Light at the front of the Hall – the light needs checking as it appeared to be on all day. This had been sorted out.
BB 038	Repair of the Village Hall Sign – ongoing/update. Jeff Goggin reported that due to the condition of the post, the entire post etc was to be replaced and relocated to the area of grass near the car parking sign. This is because it seemed as the sign has been hit by vehicles exacerbating the damage. Two quotes have been obtained to date for complete works – one is still awaited. <u>ACTION: BB 041 – JG.</u>

- Any other Hall business
 - Brian asked if the matter could be looked into of putting a mirror on the verge opposite the Hall entrance. The Clerk said that she would contact the ESCC Highways Steward for advice. **ACTION: BB 042 – CLERK.**

9. Blackboys Allotments

- Matters arising
 - The Clerk advised the meeting that the tenant who had wanted to pass their plot over to another tenant to enlarge their holding as they would be away much of the time had been given notice of termination of tenancy as there is a waiting list of residents requiring plots.
- Any other allotment business.
 - Rob Newton stated that he would turn the water off to both allotments very soon. **ACTION: BB 043 – RN.**

10. Palehouse Common Recreation Ground

Framfield Trust

- David Jenner remarked on the increase in dog fouling on the recreation ground. With the loss of the WDC Dog Warden concerns were raised about what to do.
- Jeff Goggin asked if David in his role with the Football Club could purchase a new mop for the Hall as it had been used last weekend to clean the showers!

11. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

There was none.

12. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Chairman.....

Date

Copies to:

Representatives

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

Employees:

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