

**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, 23 JULY 2013 AT 7 PM**

---

**Present**                      Jeff Goggin (Chairman)                      Peter Friend  
                                         Selina Allen                                      Maria Naylor  
                                         Myran Eade                                        Rob Newton [part]

**In attendance**            Ann Newton – Parish Clerk            Members of the Public – three  
                                         (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 Sheila Walters (representing Blackboys Cricket Club) and David Jenner were in attendance.*

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

Felicity Groves and John Mordaunt.

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

*Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda.* Jeff Goggin declared a prejudicial pecuniary interest in any reference to Gill Goggin, cleaner/bookings clerk at the Hall, as she is his wife. 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.

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

It was agreed that the minutes from the last meeting held on 28 May 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record (JG/PF).

### **4. General Correspondence**

- Email from Robert Dann regarding his wish for public car parking in the residents' car park in John Dann Close. Everyone was in receipt of the Clerk's reply and agreed with the contents. Myran Eade stated that his daughter would probably be happy for a sign to be erected stating that her space(s) could be used by non-residents. However as the meeting felt that this could not be done without contacting the housing association who may or may not be willing for this change in circumstance, as no one else had ever complained, thought that they would keep the status quo at the moment.

### **5. Finance**

- **Schedule of expenditure as at 30 June 2013 (Hall and Trust)** – the reports were 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 Trust</u>	£
Go Pest Ltd (rat treatment – allotments)	60.00
<u>Blackboys Village Hall Expenditure</u>	
Preventafire (extinguisher service etc)	45.60
Mrs Ann Newton (reimbursement for sundries)	20.00
Mrs Gill Goggin, Cleaner/Bookings Clerk (May)	XX.XX
Mr Brian Short, Caretaker (May)	XX.XX
<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions</i>	

Pavilion Account

None.

**6. Allotments**

- Matters arising – there was none.
- Any other Allotment business.
  - Ongoing correspondence with Robert Dann – allotment tenant. Following discussion the meeting agreed once again as Robert Dann was the only complainant further consideration would have to be given to any action. He would also be requested to address his concerns in future to Peter Friend. Peter's details would be forward to Robert Dann. The meeting believed that as the tenants only pay £20.00 a year for their plots, which is considerably lower than many other areas, this is very good value for money. Tenants have always been relatively content and Robert Dann seems intent on not being so for one reason or another. **ACTION: BB 059 – CLERK/PF.**

**7. Village Hall**

BB 054	Southern Water – further investigation into the solution to the drainage problems – meeting to be held – update. The Clerk detailed that a quote has been received for mains drainage but that it far exceeds the expected price. The meeting agreed that further quotes should be obtained but that in the meanwhile hippo bags would be sourced for the toilet cisterns and push-taps for the sinks. <b><u>ACTION: 060 – JG/RN/CLERK.</u></b>
BB 055	Clerk to arrange presentation from an appropriate person regarding the placement of a defibrillator in both Halls. This was still ongoing. <b><u>ACTION: 061 – CLERK.</u></b>

*(Rob Newton arrived).*

- Any other Hall business.
  - Jeff Goggin reported that Richard Hudson would be looking at the lights shortly.

**8. Recreation Ground**

- Matters arising.

BB 056	Blackboys Cricket Club – the removal of the compost is in hand. The Clerk stated that Bob Ruthven would be removing it but that the Club were still adding to the pile each time they cut the ground!
BB 057	Clerk to put David Jenner in contact with the owner of the horses from Mill Field. This been done and had now been filled by various people (Myran Eade and Rob Newton). Rob asked David Jenner if they no longer had the outfield rolled as had been done in the past.
BB 058	Update on the situation with the grounds maintenance contract. The Trustees decided that they would have a further meeting with the contractor when he has cut Framfield recreation ground. Clerk to ask them again when it would be cut. <b><u>ACTION: BB 062 – CLERK.</u></b>

- Any other recreation ground business (Rob Newton and Myran Eade left the room for this item).
  - Proposal to re-open discussions on the future of Blackboys Pavilion with a view to putting the contract out to tender to obtain prices to enable the Cricket Club to fundraise. The Trustees agreed that the Clerk could advise the architect to put the proposals out to tender. Peter Friend abstained from the vote. **ACTION: BB 063 – CLERK.** (Rob Newton and Myran Eade returned to the meeting).
  - The Clerk reported that a pub team had played on Sunday but had not yet returned the form or paid the fee. The likelihood is that they would want to play again on 4 August 2013 and the Clerk asked David Jenner to make sure that the team filled in the appropriate form and paid another fee in her absence. **ACTION: BB 064 – DJ/CLERK.**
  - Stoolball – the Clerk reported that there was the possibility that a stoolball team would use the ground for practice the following Thursday.

**9. Palehouse Common Recreation Ground**

Maria Naylor stated that she would keep an eye on the recreation ground.

**10. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman**

Framfield Trust

- The Clerk stated that the ‘Framfield Playground Action Group’ had asked if they could have a bouncy Castle on Framfield recreation ground for a Teddy Bear’s picnic to be held on 25 August 2013 if they take out the relevant insurance. This was agreed. **ACTION: BB 065 – CLERK.**

Framfield Allotments

- The meeting agreed that there should be no reduction in rent for the tenant who had stated that her plot was smaller than average – they believed that the rents are already low.

**11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday, 29 October 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

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