Minutes of Beaumont Parish Hall Committee Meeting on Wednesday 30th September 2020

**Virtual meeting held on Zoom**

**Present:**

Committee: Harold (Chair), Malcolm, Bryony, Michelle, Geoff, Julie.

Non-committee: Albinas,

**Apologies:** Tom, Henry,

1. **Welcome and Apologies.**

Harold welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of last meeting.**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Harold to retain a signed copy.  **Harold**

1. **Matters arising**.

Hall signage

Tom informed Albinas prior to the meeting that he will get further details for the next meeting.

1. **Recent Past Events**

None due to covid-19 pandemic.

1. **Forthcoming events.**

None due to covid-19 pandemic.

1. **Proposed events**

None.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

Grants from the PC for grass cutting and towards hall maintenance and the playground.

£ 64371.80 in total reserves as at 30th September 2020.

1. **Booking secretary’s report**

No bookings

1. **The New Hall Plans**

As recently circulated, following the zoom meeting to discuss the planning application plans, the architects are now using the latest plans, emailed to committee members on 10.9.20, as the basis of the planning application.

A draft heritage statement and the design & access statement needs reviewing by Bryony before being re-sent. Jamie Barnes, English Heritage Area Officer has visited the site and did not think that there would be an issue with the siting of the new hall. He also said that it would further benefit the appreciation of the World Heritage Site if the bushes and trees on the field side were selectively trimmed and thinned.

1. **Wildlife garden**

Most of the grass area has now been strimmed, just a little more to do. Malcolm is waiting for the seeds to be dropped in the next few days before the trimmings are placed along the fence.

Chris Boulton has confirmed that he will remove the old fencing and build a lower retaining fence.

Funds from the defunct Local History Society are being donated to the hall for the wildlife area for the fencing and some signage.

1. **Maintenance**

Creosote walls

Geoff, Bryony and Harold have now creosoted the outside walls.

Broken external light casing.

The broken external emergency light near the kitchen has been replaced by the electrician.

Weeds in front of the hall

Flowers in the bed at hall entrance need to be tidied up for the winter.

1. **Fundraising and Grants**

Helen Aikton (ACT) has informed Bryony that the Big Lottery Fund has grants available for projects like ours. She will discuss the hall with them as she thinks the hall is a good candidate and has offered if we are eligible to help with the funding application.

1. **Correspondence.**

Alan Hodgson.

A letter has been written to Stella on behalf of the Hall Committee to pass on their condolences following the death of Alan who was a previous Chair of the Committee.

1. **Any other Competent Business**

Play frame

The climbing frame net is damaged and has been removed. Playdale has quoted £1000 for a replacement net. Other components are showing wear. A quote for the whole frame is £3500-£5000. Suggested by Neil McNulty to apply for a grant from the 0-19 Youth Fund. Costing for a new teen shelter/zip wire/frame and apply for grants/funding that maybe available during the covid-19 pandemic. Malcolm and Bryony to liaise and get quotes from different suppliers. **Malcolm/Bryony**

Proposed by Julie to use some of the general hall funds to replace the play equipment. Agreed by the committee.

Insurers to be contacted regarding reopening the hall during the pandemic, also speak regarding replacing of the play equipment by a builder rather than getting the equipment companies to do the installation. **Julie**

Hallmark 1 accreditation

Quality assurance scheme, mostly a tick box exercise, that increases the chance of the hall gaining further funding in the future. Forward the details to Harold. Geoff will assist Harold. **Bryony**

Unused shed near wildlife area.

Contains a fireproof box. Site could be used for the proposed teen shelter. Harold will report on the condition of the shed with a view to moving it or its alternative use. **Harold**

The meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

**Date of next meeting: To be arranged.**