

ENFORD RECREATION GROUND. AND VILLAGE HALL TRUST

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 pm

Present: Judy D'Arcy Irvine, Hamish Scott-Dalglish, Jackie Elkins, Jane Young, and David Spencer.
Apologies: Hannah Tucker

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Combined AGM/Committee Meeting of 24 September 2024 were proposed and seconded.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- Following the Fireworks/Bonfire Night, Community Fund (Katie Briscoe) had very satisfactorily repaired the damage to the playing field.
- Sadolin work on all the outside woodwork due to be effected by Martin Wright imminently.
- Discussion re the most appropriate siting of the new cinema screen which is shortly to be fitted.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to absence of the Treasurer there was no report on the current financial position.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

i) HEATING/LIGHTING

Lighting throughout the building was much improved following Nathan Abbott's work to upgrade all lighting to LEDs.

The new Smart thermostats appear to be working satisfactorily but require additional work in setting times for the main hall when more heat is required. The ambient temperature in the building when not occupied is set at 17 degrees centigrade and boosted to 20 degrees when required. The ambient temperature should hopefully be reflected in lower heating usage and costs. The heat pump and underfloor heating, in reality, does not appear to allow the temperatures to increase beyond 18.5 degrees even when boosted. However the temperature does increase when the hall is being used as a result of 'body heat'.

ii) GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

The Great Bustard Group had worked hard to transform one of the changing rooms into a display room/shop/office which met with the approval of the Committee.

JDI and HSD had spent some time carrying out research to try and establish what would be a fair rent and had arrived at an annual charge of around £3,600 to include use of parking and loos. This would be put up to GBG for their response. The formal opening will be on 7 December 2024. There was some discussion about rent review periods but it was felt this would be more appropriate after the rent had been agreed.

It was agreed that the Hall Committee should retain use for the time being of the second changing room for storage etc. Shared use with GBP might be a possibility.

Discussion with JY ref appropriate fee that JY should charge GBG to park their vehicles in her farmyard. A fee of between £250 and £500 was suggested

iii) GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Nancy and Martin, who were employed at The Grange, had taken on the maintenance of the grounds immediately surrounding the Hall and car park.

iv) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LUNCH

The Remembrance Day Lunch had been a success despite issues with the Sum Up credit card payment system which were now resolved. The event had been well supported but increases in catering cost and expenses had taken their toll and the likely distribution to the Army Benevolent Fund would be less than in previous years.

5. USER GROUPS' CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

Newsletter – Jacqui Elkins

Gardening Club – David Spencer

Short Mat Bowls – David Spencer

Film Club – Theresa Horsey

Junior Football Club – Steve Todd

PCC – tbc

Parish Council – tbc

6. ELECTION BOOKING OFFICER, GROUNDS OFFICER AND MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Bookings Officer – Judy D'Arcy-Irvine

Grounds Officer – Hamish Scott-Dalglish

Maintenance Officer – David Spencer

7. ELECTION KEY HOLDERS AND CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Key Holders – Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, David Spencer and Jane Young

Cheque Signatories – Hannah Tucker, Judy D'Arcy-Irvine, David Spencer

8. ELECTION CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND SECRETARY

Chairman – Judy D'Arcy-Irvine

Treasurer – Hannah Tucker

Deputy Chairman – vacant

Secretary - vacant

JDI mentioned that she would not be able to continue indefinitely. No members of the Committee volunteered for the role. The lack of suitable candidates was discussed. Jacqui suggested an advertisement in the newsletter might be beneficial.

9. TRUSTEE DECLARATION FORM

Those present at the meeting signed the Charity Commission Annual Trustee Declaration Form and others will be asked to sign at the next meeting.

10. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Interior decoration / Sadolin outside woodwork
- Replacement bollards around car park
- Website / Marketing
- Repairs & Maintenance
- Replacement Projector, DVD Player, Speakers

11. FUTURE EVENTS

Annual Fete Summer 2025 – tbc

Bonfire & Fireworks October 2025 - tbc

Remembrance Sunday Lunch November 2025 – tbc

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- HSD thought that the Hall should make an application to the Community Fund for a grant towards new sound equipment, projector and dvd player, or benches.
- HSD also was concerned that the field was predominately used for dog walking and the mowing of the field was becoming increasingly onerous. If a professional contractor were to be employed, the cost would be significant, in which case perhaps the CF might consider making a contribution to this as the field needed to be in good condition for the fete and fireworks.
- HSD also would like to see the field used for other events. The possibility of a tennis court was mooted and he would look into the possibility of a grant from the Lawn Tennis Association.

13. PROPOSED DATES FOR 2025/2026 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2025: 20 May / 22 July / AGM 30 September / 13 November

2026: 17 February / 19 May / 21 July / AGM 29 September / 17 November