



# Silverdale Village Institute

Established 1908

Registered Charity No. 1014665

Spring Bank, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 0TE

## Agenda for Institute Committee

8<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Attending: - Alex Finch, Angela Woods, Andy Fletcher, Jeanne Holden.

Apologies: – Amy Burrows, Shelley Hackett, Mike Woodbridge.

### Committee administration

1. Accident Book

2 Items were entered in June & July. Both were minor and required no further action on our part. The slips have been filed.

2. Treasurers report

Net in current and business account. £8217.12. Heavy expenditure over the past 8 weeks including, insurance and legal fees. More income will be arriving from August's activities including funds raised by the music night and other activities.

Please note: As of this meeting Jeanne Holden is standing down as treasurer and Phil Craxford will be taking over. The post of secretary will be decided at the next meeting.

### Agenda Items

Invitation for members of the public attending to comment on any matters listed below:

*Please Note: Members of the public are invited to attend and witness the meeting. At the discretion of the Chair they may be invited to ask questions or comment at the appropriate point on the agenda. Unruly or offensive behaviour members of the public will be asked to leave and the meeting may be closed to the public*

1. New committee and volunteers.

Andy Fletcher requested clarification of procedures for new members to join the committee.

**(Action)** Alex Finch to clarify mechanism if it exists for getting new members to join.

User groups can forward trustees or change them at any point Certain members rep. Toddlers, Field Day, Hand Bell Ringers & Snooker players currently do not have representatives. Toddlers have a new representative lined up when they re-convene.

**(Action)** Andy Fletcher to forward names to Alex Finch for next meeting.

There is a requirement also to find other volunteers as the committee members are also the 'manpower' at the moment.

Formal note of thanks to Jeanne for being treasurer and who is standing down at this point. Phil will act as the treasurer and the post of secretary will be passed to another (yet to be appointed).

Thanks also to those who have volunteered. Stephen Holden has been a stalwart and undertaken much of the improvement work tirelessly.

Alex Finch would like to compile a list of others who may be willing to volunteer.

## 2. Drains

Drawings not available so the septic tank position is currently unidentified. Camera has been used. Blockage has been identified near the end of the drive. Work was started today but stopped due to tree roots being discovered and not wishing to contravene the TPO on near-by trees. Work will cost approx. £500.00.

If work is insufficient, then installation of a new system may be required which raised the question of cost if major work needed. A rough estimate of £10K might be needed if things are really bad. Thinks it roots growing into the drain away that caused the issue.

Arthur Graves (Mick) was approached to see if he had local knowledge. Never been emptied or no signs of payment to anyone to undertake that work historically.

Agreed that work obviously needed to be done. Alderhey event required the hire of 'portaloo's' which is not workable in the long run.

## 3. Baby steps – next ideas. List and prioritise

Terry Bond kindly bought details of outdoor gym equipment (2.5 yrs ago – outdoor gym equip. could be purchased with a %100 grant). Grange equipment is well used.

Better football nets of a more permanent kind could be sourced – Field day would mean they might require movement but something of a more fixed nature would be more suitable than the plastic types currently in use. Current set can be moved around but get broken as moved. Ruth suggested pair of nets at Leeds holiday camp might be available. Also there are other pieces of outside furniture available but would require a van or flat-bed to move. Steve Holden could be asked to help. Other play stuff should be considered.

As the school are currently making more use of the space the school's feedback should be sought. (Action) Jeanne Holden.

Suggestion of addition of a more substantial outside structure to provide cover for field day judging, street party etc. also a better outdoor power supply.

Temporary skateboard facility – discussion on motivation to do this. A Similar facility cost £500 but would require a hard standing of some sort. Skateboarding is one of the new sports in line with Olympics for 2020.

Organisation of weekends – Music event (Something for the Weekend) raised around £500 as did the previous event. Need was identified to link events timings to avoid clashes if possible. Use of cinema was discussed along with future possibility once B4RN work is completed. Tie in of concerns for Gaskell Hall to enhance the common good – and to avoid grant competition.

Collation of costs – decisions will be needed to address historical under investment (warning: large sums may be required). Approach to Parish Council in finding out what help might be available in three areas. Strategy, figures to be raised and actual work on the fabric of the building.

## 4. B4RN – Update and connection?

Current situation is that orange tubing is currently being laid around the village. B4yes/B4rn working towards church and should be complete quite soon. 6 routes will emanate from the church. Route 3 is Emesgate lane which includes the Institute. Alex Finch is coordinating. More volunteers needed. 2 -3 months is the expected completion time for work at the church. Connections should follow sometime after that.

## 5. AOB

Question about resignations – Thanks to those who have served. A debrief on why? Well wishes to all in their future endeavours.

Thanks to those who lent a hand where needed for music night. Also thanks and commendations on a great event.

Further events lined up in September, October and an Xmas bash.

Cinema, tied up thinking. Propose Phil to attend Gaskell Hall meeting as he has been asked to help with stage lighting and sound installs. Phil could also sound out if a discussion of cross links and synergies with Gaskell Hall might be thought useful at that meeting. Terry Bond clarified that Gaskell Hall has the same status as the Institute in terms of constitution. Hall obviously built towards player's requirements.

Does snooker table get used? Yes. 7 players, £30.00 per yr membership.

2<sup>nd</sup> hand piano? Wasn't though that space would be available.

Silverdale ladies wish to use the hall. Vote needed by them. Offer of a chat from Angela Woods. Ruth will put it to them. Afternoon tea suggested as a possible nice way to undertake this meeting. Please allow Ruth time to discuss with the membership and allow them to come to a decision before speaking to anyone else about it.

Question about information on web site. (Action) Alex Finch is aware and it will be updated.

Question on calendar entry titled 'Green Party'. It is the organisation 'The Green Party' who hire the venue per month. They are simply hirers of hall and we don't know of actual activities. It isn't a party on the field.

Thank you.