

**Minutes of the meeting of Coxwold Playing Field Association
Monday 3rd July 2023, 7.30pm, Village Hall**

Present: Anne Le Gassicke (chair), Paul Turner (treasurer), Simon Le Gassicke (CPC Rep), Mark Milligan, Chris Robison, Kenny Wheeler, Jill Sample and Louise Channer (secretary).

| REF | DESCRIPTION | ACTION |
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| 1 | Apologies Sandra Kirkham (vice chair), Christina McGhie and Simon Rheinberg. | |
| 2 | Minutes of the meeting of 24 th April 2023 were passed as a true record. | |
| 3a | <p>Children's Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLG reported on a successful workday to refresh the playground. We have taken delivery of a blue bench, 90% funded by a grant. SLG to investigate a possible grant from NYC. • The old recycling area has been dismantled and cleaned and now has the picnic bench on it. A new balance trail has been completed. Improvements seem to have been well received as evidenced by increased usage. The work is proceeding with small pieces of work at a time that can be completed. A bench by the beck is proposed. • It was agreed that a signed one way system for the car park plus a warning sign stating "children at play" would improve the safety of the playground. Ask whether the council would provide the signs. • Next meeting is 6th August at 10am to decide on apparatus for the slide mound, followed by a barbecue at about noon. | SLG |
| 3b | <p>Manhole cover</p> <p>Mark has agreed to fix it within the next four weeks.</p> | KW |
| 3c | <p>Film Nights</p> <p>Attendance varies. New releases seem popular; holiday season may affect numbers. Agreed to pause from the end of July until September. Ask for suggestions again. Consider advertising 2 months ahead. Agreed to try a Wednesday or Thursday night. Just over £2.5k takings so far from SumUp and cash, including bar sales.</p> | MM/JS |
| 3d | <p>Decorating the committee room</p> <p>Paul cannot to do this in the next six weeks. Take off agenda for now.</p> | PT |
| 3e | <p>Contact caravan clubs to promote the field</p> <p>KW reported that the caravanning magazine does not do groups, but we could advertise single pitches. We can let the field for up to 14 nights pa. Jill agreed to look into using social media and the village website to advertise.</p> | JS |
| 3f | <p>King's Coronation</p> <p>Thanks were offered to Jill for a successful event attended by 60-70.</p> | |
| 3g | <p>Cyclists Sunday</p> <p>Thanks were offered to Chris for her hard work. CR reported that there were fewer attendees this year, making just £300 for the church (for a lot of hard work), down on previous years. The closure of Aldwark Bridge may have contributed. The event is organised by cyclists for cyclists. The centenary is coming up in 2026 and they are keen to achieve that milestone. Chris has recorded useful information for future events.</p> | |
| 3h | <p>Lighting</p> <p>Simon R organised the very effective new LED strip lights for the hall and outside the kitchen, plus a sensor for the outside lights. Cost £594.</p> | |
| 3i | <p>Summer event for families</p> <p>Barbecue for families on 6th August c. noon after the play area work day. Next event in October.</p> | SLG |
| 3j | <p>Hot water on boiler</p> <p>The valve is working. Regularly need to use immersion in addition for hot water. Remove from next agenda.</p> | ALG |
| 3k | <p>Shelf over generator</p> <p>Kenny will paint.</p> | KW |

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| 31 | Open Gardens Chris was thanked for running a successful event. Made c. £800 for the hall. Approx 380 people paid to visit the gardens. Chris has useful data on food for future events. | |
| 4 | Future Events / activities Family Day – see 3i above. Parents will be asked to do games etc. Apple Fest – Saturday 14 th October. Catering tbc. Christmas Brunch – Sunday 3 rd December. | All All |
| 5 | Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current a/c bal £12,224.82. Deposit £9933.60. Total £22,158.42. No big bills due. Money coming in from Moonshine, bridge club, film club and car parking (c. £300 from the honesty box over 4 months). • Electricity c. £350 pcm. They owe us c. £400. Should be c. £250 pcm. Annual increase likely to be £1.5-2k. Electricity, rates and water all going up. • Bookings for the second half of the year are modest. Rural Arts – no news on whether bids for acts successful yet. | PT |
| 6 | Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV Licence - It was agreed that we should purchase a TV licence to ensure that we are covered for live TV and catch-up. • Outside toilets - the hall receives £3,500 pa from NYMNPA for running the toilets. In future it will only pay half the running costs, up to a maximum of £2,500 pa. They cost us c. £3,300 - 3,500 pa to run, so we would be subsidising the costs by at least £1,000 pa. Public toilets are a rare amenity in the national park which we are willing to provide, but not if we make a loss. Agreed to challenge the decision or ask (through the District Councillor) whether NYC will contribute. Consider closing the ladies and gents and just keep the disabled toilet. • Village market - We agreed that we do not want to run a market. It needs someone who wishes to run one as a business venture as previously. • Damp - There is a hole in the downpipe causing a stain on the hall ceiling. Downpipe to be fixed and gutters checked. • Trip hazard - slight lip on floor on entry into kitchen. Install rubber strip. • Bins - an extra outside bin is needed for busy times. • Printer - We agreed a black & white laser printer would be useful for the hall for printing menus programmes etc. • Plumber – Jill provided the details of an excellent plumber. | PT PT SLG KW PT |
| | Dates for future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th September (NOTE change of date) and 6th November 2023 at 7.30pm. | ALG |
| | The meeting closed at 20.50. | |