



ABOVE: SKETCH VIEW OF PROPOSED PLAYGROUND AT BELL MEADOW

Minutes  
Woodham Walter Playground Working Group  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 7.30pm  
Woodham Walter Women's Club

Present: Councillor Joanna Symons, Councillor John Tompkins, Jacky Bannerman (Parish Clerk),  
Graham Bannerman, Bob Jones, Carolyn Gardener, Nigel Cornwell, Mateja Simic

**01. Welcome**

- Joanna welcomed those present to the meeting.

**02. Apologies for absence**

- Apologies were noted from Pam Seear and Lisa Carter.

**03. To approve Minutes for meetings dated 24th October 2019**

- The minutes were approved as a true record of the meetings.

**04. Playground Update**

- Jacky reported that the fund remains at £1651.72 which includes the Parish Council grant, Bell Meadow Day, Paypal and other donations received. It is disappointing to note that no further funds had been received. Jo/Jacky have written an article for December Parish Magazine to promote.
- The website has been updated with several pages of Playground information including how to donate.
- A note of intent has been sent to Wicksteed who have now frozen quote prices until installation.
- It was noted that Lisa has decided to take a step back from the committee, but will still assist where she can.

**05. Fundraising**

i) Christmas Tree Lighting. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5-7pm

- Attend with stalls in the Hall (Help needed – let Jacky know if you can come).
- Good opportunity to display plans. (Pam has delivered display board, Jacky to arrange).
- Christmas themed tombola (donations of prizes please to Jacky) John, Jacky & Jo will meet at 2pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December to prepare tombola).
- Sponsor a Decoration – possibly socks (donations needed) or Nigel may supply some baubles (Nigel to check with School to make sure there is not a clash).
- Can also do other stalls if we have enough help. E.g. Lolly tree/Beat the safe (Jacky to arrange)

ii) Tesco Bucket Collection.

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 2-9pm.
- Dress up warm with Christmas Jumper/Hat/Fancy Dress
- Rota was drafted by Carolyn. Jacky to send out when completed.
- Collection buckets are required – Jacky to investigate.

iii) Wine Tasting/Call My Bluff Wine

- in the village hall possibly February/March. Lisa to enquire with her contact.
- TEN licence will be required. Jacky to arrange. Village Hall have confirmed this will be acceptable.

iv) Bell Meadow Day Picnic Sports Day

- maybe on the Flower Festival weekend subject to the Church/Women's Club/Art Show being happy. Seems like a good opportunity for people to attend all events. Sue & Angus Neale have agreed to run the sports day events similar to the Jubilee a few years ago.

v) Other Ideas

- Film Night on Bell Meadow – could possibly follow on from picnic. Currently enquiring about costs with contact of Lisa's.
- Comedy Night – in the village hall. Currently researching costs. TENS licence will be required for sale of alcohol
- Lecture – Robert McFarlane? Lisa awaiting response.
- Quiz Night – to be considered at later date
- River Trip – to be considered at later date
- Street Party - to be considered at later date
- Summer Lunch/Afternoon Tea - to be considered at later date
- Bingo with Fish & Chips - to be considered at later date
- Tesco – Easter bag pack – to be considered
- Christmas Tree Recycling – Nigel offered to organise a collection service on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January. To consider disposal – Jacky to contact Skippers.

iii) Other Fundraising

- Just Giving page will be set up with a specific goal at a later date.

## **06. Grant Applications**

### **i) Research (Graham & Jo reported)**

- They have conducted a large amount of research into various different grant opportunities. The aim is to achieve £20k in grant funding. The remainder being from local fundraising/donations.
- Lottery Fund – £10,000 maximum grant for playground projects. Jo/Graham & Jacky have done the application and await feedback from Wicksteed.
- Jo has requested the Playdale funding guide.
- Some funds request a fee for fundraising.
- Mateja has attended an ECC Funding Workshop – she will enquire if this is something they still do.
- Aviva – Mateja will investigate
- Biffa – After complicated research it looks like we are precluded as we do not meet requirements.
- Calor – needs investigating

ii) Writing Applications – on-going. Jo, Graham & Jacky have done work which will be repeatable for multiple applications.

### **iii) Bell Meadow Village Association (Jacky reported)**

- Application is in hand. AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### **iv) Local Companies (Carolyn reported)**

- Carolyn shared a list of local businesses to send a letter to and will send these out in next couple of weeks.

## **07. Other Items**

- The main thing to push is the fact that we need more help especially with events. The Parish Magazine article should push this point. We also need to be pro-active in asking for help e.g. at the Christmas Tree event.

## **08. Date of next meeting**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Women's Club and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm