

Bamburgh Pavilion Association

Management Committee Meeting 20th June 2018

Present: Tony Baldwin, Gillian Bardgett, Barbara Brook, Bill Brook, Eve Humphreys, Barbara Jackson, Linda Kirby.

Before we started our meeting Bill reflected on the death of our friend Jude Aldred. He said that this was a very sombre time for the village which was highlighted by the flying of the flag at half mast on the Castle. We remember Jude with great affection and thanks for her huge contribution to village life, having served on the Parish Council, the Pavilion Committee and the Heritage Committee among others over a long period of time. She will be sadly missed.

1. Apologies for Absence

Dave Carney, Joan Miller, Kate Morton.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th April 2018

Agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Joan and Barbara J are still pursuing the availability of a good web photo of the Pavilion.

4. Treasurer's Report

Linda gave this report. The tennis court upgrade cost £22,800 and we were able to raise £19,534 through donations and appeals – the contribution from the Pavilion therefore was £3,266 which was lower than we had thought initially. We have £18,600 in the current account and £16,734 in the 100 Club. Our working profit is £4,620. We are in the healthiest position we've ever been in but the increased use has led to increases in expenses, e.g. painting and managing our new maintenance programme. The NTC plays have shown a small deficit this year but we feel that we should continue to hold them as they are a community asset.

Bill thanked Linda and said that her job had been more complicated this year with the tennis court appeal. We hope that Ian Brown can audit the books in the near future as we would like to set a date for the AGM.

5. Booking Secretary's Report

No report.

6. Maintenance Programme

The electricity check has now been completed at a cost of over £600. There are more things to be checked now compared with a few years ago. The insurance is also up-to-date.

Tony has contacted the builder to extend and build up the wall between the oil tank and the Pavilion and hopes he can do this work in the next few months.

The path around the Pavilion is overgrown again. We hope that 4 or 5 volunteers can meet soon to clear this but we need a brush cutter/trimmer with a metal blade as there are a lot of brambles. Tony will look at the cost of buying vs. hiring one.

We are waiting for an estimate of the cost to redo the floor but this work can wait until the year end.

7. Septic tank update

Tony has done a lot of work on this. A firm from Hexham has removed a piece of pipe, probably from the original pump, and there is now a natural slight downhill flow. We will monitor this regularly and check the prices for a pump but will only install it if the present system fails.

8. Tennis club update

Players have reported that the new court is fantastic. The diary is with the Vic and non tennis club members are charged £7/hour. Tennis club members pay £5 outside of club hours, payable and bookable at the Vic.

We discussed a get-together, possibly a cheese and wine evening, for those who had contributed to the tennis court appeal. Bill plans to send out a 'thank you' letter to villagers and to the wider community who had contributed and invite them to this special gathering at the Pavilion, when hopefully tennis will be in full swing.

Linda suggested splitting up the table tennis and tennis club and this was agreed. It was also decided not to charge this year.

Robert Thomas has been collecting money each week from his coffee morning on a Tuesday and has passed his money to Linda. He hopes that the Pavilion will use this to buy a bench for inside the court. Barbara B is to ask Dorothy if she has made any progress on sourcing benches from reconstituted material.

9. Cancellation of NTC play in October

Now updated – NTC has offered us another date, Saturday 6th October, which we have accepted. We appreciate that the funding for the NTC has been drastically reduced recently and so we would not expect to make a big profit; rather that it is a nice evening for the enjoyment of the whole community.

10. Any Other Business

The smoke alarms are now to be included on the monthly checklists.

Barbara B suggested that the committee meeting minutes should be on the website. This was agreed after some discussion.

Linda said that as there would be no further village fairs we would lose the money from the tombola. This led to a discussion about the Village Show and funding/ distribution of monies from that. We discussed the possibility of a coffee morning or even a fundraising day when we would hope to raise the equivalent money from the tombola.

Gillian asked if we could make a donation from our very healthy funds towards the War Memorial but this isn't possible as it is not covered in our constitution.

We were reminded about the rota for checking the Pavilion, especially after weddings.

Bill hoped that our AGM would be in July. He asked if everyone was prepared to remain on the committee and those present indicated their wishes to do so.