

## Attendees

Sean Hodgkinson, Melvyn Smith, Stewart Bertenshaw, Lucy Coverley, Michael Harte, Sally Roy, Stephen Martin, Jonny Kirk, Alex Cox, Angie Coppock, Sarah Bishop, Pete Headridge, Jean Clayton, Judith Thurston, Susan Waterhouse

### **1. Review of last year's minutes**

The meeting was opened and in line with the agenda the opening discussion was to review last years AGM. Mel carried out a review and highlighted key events that had occurred during 2017.

Key points of interest:

Landscaping for the memorial garden

Tree surgery behind the tennis courts

Repairs of paths.

Signs installed around the site detailing specific location

### **2. Review of accounts**

SGH discussed the accounts and highlighted some key points

Key points:

Revenue from Millgreen maintained at £9800

Revenues from Pavilion booking are looking good due to more effective management.

Revenues £3219

Events have been a success in particular the fun day

Main outgoing – Insurance ( will reduce in 2019 with new contract ) and Utility bill.

As a general note the utility bill versus pavilion booking shows a revenue gain of around £1000 – maybe some improvement required to increase the margin.

### **3. Review of 2017 : already discussed in part 1+2**

### **4. Review of constitution**

The constitution hasn't changed for many years and needs to be changed in specific areas. These will be discussed at the next management meeting. One major change will be the implementation of a membership scheme.

The objectives will remain unchanged :

- a. To improve the conditions of life in the interests of social welfare, for the inhabitants of the area of benefit by the provision and maintenance of a recreation ground.
- b. To maintain the recreation ground land for the provision of sports, leisure-time occupation, recreation, nature and landscape conservation.
- c. To ensure that the objectives of the charity are carried out for the benefit of all its members equally, without preference or prejudice irrespective of age, sex, ethnicity, ability, religion or political view.
- d. To use the charity land and facilities to promote and develop sports, community development, conservation, education, the natural environment, wildlife habitats, health and wellbeing

## **5. Membership scheme**

One of the main ideas of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of a membership scheme in which individuals will become members of the charity and will have certain benefits such as .

Voting rights at the AGM

Input to ideas and improvements

Preferential rates for hiring the pavilion

Access to the millponds \*

Fishing rights on the millponds

Access to the tennis courts \*

\*These areas will be for members only and will be secured by locks through access codes. This is mainly to prevent people from outside of Strines using the facilities unless they become members.

All residents of Millgreen who already pay a contribution to the charity from the home purchase agreement will become members. Others from Strines will be invited to join – further details of how this will work needs to be refined.

## **6. Appointment of treasurer and additional new trustee**

This was discussed at the end of the meeting

Pete Headridge volunteered to become treasurer stating his past experiences

At the same time Michael Harte offered to join as a trustee. Both appointments were duly passed.

## **7. Plans for 2019**

Improved access to the millponds.

One major change will be improvements for people to access the Millponds in a better and safe way. A new gate will be opened up at the right hand side of the clock which will be a coded access. The gate to the arts room will be removed and will be an open access. The yard area which has some heavy diggers will be restricted access due to health and safety concerns. Also a new fence to the arts room will be put in place to ensure the yard is completely sealed. Planting of shrubs has already been undertaken to improve the look of the area from the opposite side of the river.

Generally having improved access to the millponds was met with approval. One objection to access to the yard area was noted. Further discussion of these improvements will be made at the next management meeting.

#### Fishing on the millponds

The lease on the millponds come to an end at the end of this year, This is an opportunity to look at whether other options will be more attractive moving forward. Alex Cox has expressed an interest in running a club, also others have expressed an interest in the past. This could be a good opportunity for establishing a club as well as giving members open access to the millponds through the new membership scheme. This too will be discussed in far more detail at the next management meeting.

#### Arts / Music room

A great idea but we need to put more emphasis on getting this completed as soon as possible.

#### Playgrounds

The playground is managed by Stewart Milne under an agreed licence and obviously they are not fulfilling their original pledge. It was agreed at the meeting that we would instruct our solicitor to send a letter informing them of their duties but to also make good all repairs. Thereafter SRG will take over the maintenance ( as its built on SRG land ).

#### Working groups

It was agreed that having regular working groups to carry our repairs and general work would be a good way of carrying out essential work while bringing the community together. It was said that every other month would work .

#### Ideas outside the agenda

#### Kids Club

Pete mentioned that it would be good to have a kids club on a Saturday maybe 6.30 -9.00 to open up the pavilion for pool , table tennis and films. The showing of films would require a projector and it was agreed that the charity would look to invest in one. Pete and few others said that they would be happy to co-ordinate and manage the club ( checks may have to be put in place too )

#### Tennis courts

Resurfacing will be required over the coming years plus floodlighting with specific cut off times was mentioned. SGH and Stewart will get some costs for both so we can work out what we need to have in terms of funds. Lucy mentioned that grants could be available.

#### Trees

Certain trees may need to have further attention in terms of cutting back or being removed. A tree surgeon will look at the trees that are located on SRG land.

#### Upcoming events :

The Christmas Party for the children will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.