
TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2020

commencing 8.00 pm

by Zoom

AGENDA

- A) Welcome by the Chairman.....Sue Kerrison
- B) Minutes of the AGM held 08/11/2019
Matters Arising: Management of the Trust committee though the pandemic.
- C) Annual Report from the Chairman: Sue Kerrison
- D) Financial Report by the Treasurer: David Wright
- E) Formation of the Management Committee of Trustees 2020/2021
 - 1) Elect Nine Members
 - 2) Appoint Representative Members
- F) Issues from the floor
- G) Date of the First Meeting of the New Committee

November 2020 '200' Club Draw will take place prior to meeting.

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**THE MINUTES FROM THE ABOVE MEETING WILL BE
AVAILABLE
HERE SHORTLY**

Chairman's Report – 2020

Welcome All,

Well what a year. All our normal freedoms, spontaneity, social events wiped away by a virus, which unfortunately resulted in many deaths, some premature, and hospitalisation for others.

With regard to our Charity the main effect and loss of lockdown measures was the cancelling of the seasons carboot sales, initially the first 3 events, but as guidance changed the remaining events were cancelled which has meant we are down considerably in our financial state. Although, as we were in a sound financial situation at the start we have managed to whether the loss, helped by the success and support from the village with entries for our 200 club draw for 2020/2021, this ensuring we are able to maintain the essential annual insurance, legal inspection requirements and maintenance issues.

The revenue from pre-school also a financial assistance, the group having exclusive use of the pavilion to avoid any chance of outside cross infection. During the lockdown, whereby only children of essential workers were allowed to use the facility the committee agreed unanimously not to charge the group during that period.

Many maintenance issues were dealt with early in the year, the carpark area which had deep holes was levelled and aggregate applied, the wooden chicanes at entrances around the perimeter of the field were repaired, the half pipe ramp had minor repairs carried out in response to concerns raised within the ROSPA annual report, as also a repair to the rocking see-saw. A thank you for the latter repair to Antony Garrett who saved the Charity an enormous amount of money by carrying out the simple repair from the original quote received. The hedgerow had its annual cut, and we are as always grateful for the Flore parish council's contribution to paying via the elector's rates, the gang mowing of the field, which has been done to a high standard throughout the year.

What has been the main benefit of the lockdown is the use of the field by many people who perhaps usually did not use it prior to this situation. As restrictions eased people were making use of the large green expanse and sunshine, picnicking, partaking in their physical exercise, dog walking, and enjoying family time together.

I would like to say a thank you to the younger generation for their compliance in not using the play equipment when it was cordoned off for 3 mths, I personally did not see any youngster, or have reports of any abusing the measures, and now guidance have relaxed it is a lovely sight to see them once again enjoying using all the apparatus.

The field is now also being widely used with the resumption of weekly dog training, the junior and senior football teams, the cubs and scouts for outdoor activities, and the primary school using it for their outdoor physical education. The field provided parking facility for down scaled Flore gardens open day, which was a successful event whilst observing all the necessary health guidance requirements, a major task for the organisers.

The committee undertook the annual bird box cleaning, aided by villager Dave Haddon, a thank you for his help. During that job the decision was taken to remove the owl box as it had never been used, and replace with a normal bird box, plus purchasing additional boxes to

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erect. Consideration is also ongoing to plant more trees, in preparation for the time when some trees require removing due to their age, as some are over 40 years old.

During the lockdown just a few downsides, one was the mis- use of the field by a person digging holes using a metal detector, and extra litter during the summer months, but apart from those the field has proved to be such a beneficial asset for villagers and visitors. For the latter I'd particularly like to thank committee members David, Steve and Geoff, for picking up of litter, and emptying the field bins ensuring the debris is ready for collection by the refuse vehicle each week.

Well looking ahead the committee have two vital requirements, a few more Trustees, and looking at alternative ways of raising funds, as the situation regarding large gatherings for events such as our car boot sales is uncertain well into 2021, these were a major source of our annual revenue. Although the Trust has sufficient funds to cover the normal running and maintenance overheads, it also prides itself on providing additional play apparatus for fun and enjoyment, and there is a need within the next two years to add and replace items; the half pipe skate ramp which has had some repairs to its wooden structure this year may well be nearing the end of its life after approx 20 years, a very well used and loved apparatus. Ideas and suggestions welcomed.

To conclude a big thank you to the committee as a whole for doing all the jobs which do go un-noticed to keep the field in tip top condition and appearance, and for responding to the events of the pandemic in a positive way ensuring safe play for all users.

It is truly a valuable asset for the village, and all thanks to Mr Brodie Lodge in bequeathing it to the village in 1966.

Sue Kerrison