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A.G.M . 4-1-2016 7:30PM

Annual Report

The Chairman gave his annual report as follows:-

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the previous A.G.M. and matters arising. The insurance claim for a broken ankle due to a rabbit hole has not been followed up and has now been closed due to the age of the claim. The Insurance payout of £69,000 has been clarified without the supporting documentation as this seems to have been lost. This matter is now closed.

Loss.

Sad loss this year was the passing of a very dear friend, Mr. W. Spencer. (Bill). Bill worked tirelessly for the young children, and the youth of the Village.

He was a great Ambassador for the Recreation Ground and his ashes have been scattered around the Beacon as this was his wish, which the Trustees respected. A memorial seat has been sighted overlooking the New Build Pavilion.

Building.

This has been a very eventful year, we have sealed all structure bolts to the frame and E. S Drapers digger cleaned the sight, finding the services entrances within the foundations, ready for the bricklayers.

Floor layout lines were marked and materials were delivered on site. The volunteer bricklayers started work but then had to stop due to pressure of their own jobs, we were happy with this, as a problem had arisen over drawings with Building Control. We also had 3 meetings with ground source heat pump engineers, to understand the heat pump installation.

Building Control.

Building Control had requested a new set of Drawings, and some answers to a few questions, (funny same was needed in 2007?). So we needed to find a Draftsman and after a great deal of effort this was eventually achieved.

Drawings will be shown at the end of the A.G.M.

Playground.

The Playground has been a big topic again this year, firstly the Land Transfer Registration, our Solicitors have received a number of requisitions back from the Land Registry.

1. The Land Registry have provided a deadline of the 13th Jan 2016.
2. The Land Registry require further information from Mr. Richard Bott on behalf of the Benington Parish Council in order to obtain a statement of truth. The Charity is not able to sign a Statement of Truth, as the Land was not transferred to the Charity until 2nd Nov 2015.
3. The Charities Solicitors are contacting Sanctuary Housing about the Transfer of Land, from the Parish Council to Sanctuary Housing. A copy of this letter has been sent to Sanctuary Housing Registered Offices Legal Department.



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At the July Meeting of the Parish Council the Charity was told they were the owners therefore we should be insuring the Playground. But it was explained at the Sept Meeting of the Parish Council that the Land had not been transferred, therefore leaving the Parish Council with Legal duties and responsibilities such as Insurance.

The Charity set in place Insurance on 1st Sept 2015 and reminded the Parish Council that they would be liable until the land is transferred.

A quote is to be obtained for any repairs to the playground and passed to the Parish Council as agreed.

Fireworks.

The Bonfire Firework display was a great success and well attended thank you to the Parish Council for their Donation of £300.

Our Bakers for their Donation of Rolls and to the people who do not wish to be named for their donations, Richard Bott for the use of the Land, pushing the Bonfire up, and the bail of straw to light up. Also to all the young children who made the guy. Not forgetting the spectators who donated into our donation buckets.

Football.

Men's Sunday football is now named F.C. Benington, they seem to have long winter breaks, but the pitch has been water logged.

Youth football is the same.

Children's football was going well but they have been through 4 coaches and all has stopped until the weather changes due to no changing rooms.

Accounts

The accounts were not available and will be moved to the next meeting.

Election of Officers

The Chairman read out the list of current officers and asked if they were happy to continue or if anyone wanted changes. It was put to a vote to continue with the current officers and the vote was carried with no objections.

Chairman Mr Peter Warren
Secretary Mr Steven Cotton
Treasurer Mrs Natalie Clennell
Committee Mr Ray Holman
Committee Mr David Cotton
Committee Mr Tony Baker
Committee Mr Richard Baker

Chairman's health

The Chairman stated that due to his health he would like to make next year his last as Chairman, various options were discussed without any definitive conclusion.



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AGM Minutes

The Chairman stated that the approved minutes of this meeting would be published on the internet and finally in the Parish Mag.