

Minutes of the meeting of the Watton-at-Stone Community Hall Board of Trustees held in the Community Hall on Wednesday 8th March 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. N. Poulton (Chairman) Mr. D. Stock
Mr. I. Knight Mr. J. Meischke

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Matter arising from meeting held on 8th December 1999

• Housing of litter bin

Mr. Poulton reported that this item is progressing well.

3 MPPA - Grant update

Mr. Poulton outlined the current situation with regard to the funding for the re-surfacing of the MPPA. The Parish Council has allocated £6,000 towards the re-surfacing work on the MPPA. An additional £3,225 has been awarded by the Awards for All Lottery scheme. This gives us a shortfall of £2,593.

An application has been submitted to the Groundwork Trust for this shortfall. The application will be discussed at a meeting on 9th March 2000 and the Parish Council will know the outcome before the next Parish Council meeting (to be held on the 15th March 2000). Mr. Poulton said that he and Mr. Meischke had both been contacted by the Groundwork Trust regarding the application.

If the application is unsuccessful, an application can be submitted to EHDC. However, a decision for EHDC grants will not be made until mid-September 2000.

The Lottery has agreed to extend the timescale for the start of the resurfacing work from August to the beginning of September.

4 Floor - Sports Hall

The Trustees inspected the Main Hall flooring.

Some damage to the surface has been noted. A small area has been torn. Another area appears to have been damaged by one of the badminton posts.

Mr. Meischke agreed to contact Altro Flooring to find out what action should be taken.

Action: J. Meischke

5 Fire exit doors - Pavilion

The Trustees inspected the Pavilion.

Mr. Poulton reported that following use by the Rib Valley Countrysiders (Young Farmers), the Clerk had found the fire exit doors open the following morning. The framework to the door has suffered wind-damage and is split. Cornhill Insurance have said that the Community Hall policy covers wind-damage. Mr. Bunyan has today submitted a quotation of £200 to repair the door frame. This will now be sent to Cornhill Insurance together with the completed claim form.

Action: J. Allsop

The Trustees then inspected the pavilion flooring.

This is covered in black marks, following use by the Rib Valley Countrysiders. Mr. Poulton said that he had written to them asking for an explanation, but to date they have not contacted him.

Mr. Poulton & Mr. Meischke agreed to try and clean the black marks off the Pavilion floor.

Action: N. Poulton/J. Meischke

6 Six-monthly check of Community Hall - date to be arranged

Mr. Poulton & Mr. Meischke agreed to carry-out the six-monthly check on Friday 10th March 2000.

Action: N. Poulton/J. Meischke

7 Decoration of Pavilion

It was agreed that the skirting boards and door in the Pavilion need repainting.

Recommendation:

The Parish Council to ask Don Chandler for a quote to paint the skirting-boards and doors in the pavilion after the 2000 Summer Playscheme.

8 Any other business

The Cricket Club has copied us with their fixtures for the coming season.

Mr. Knight said that an early grass cut has been requested by the Cricket Club, as in previous years.

The Clerk to contact the new grass contractors (Land Technology) accordingly.

Action: J. Allsop

Mr. Knight to inform the Cricket and Football Clubs that any clashes in their fixtures must be resolved through the Sports & Social Club and not via the Parish Council.

Action: I. Knight

The roller on the sportsfield has been moved by young persons. Mr. Meischke agreed to speak to Martin Tipper (Cricket Club) to ask him to secure the roller to prevent it from causing an accident.

Action: J. Meischke

Mr. Knight reported that Ian Vosper (Tennis Club) had informed him that broken glass had been found on the MPPA over the weekend. This is the second time that this has occurred. Mr. Knight informed Mr. Vosper that he should report incidents of this kind direct to Hertford Police, because they are acts of vandalism.

Mr. Knight asked if Don Chandler could check the MPPA on a regular basis for glass etc. After lengthy discussion the Trustees agreed that this course of action would be impractical.

9 Date of next meetings for civic year 2000/01

The following dates were agreed meeting of the Watton-at-Stone Community Hall Trustees was set for

- Tuesday 20^h June 2000 at 7.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 12th September 2000 at 7.30 p.m.
- Tuesday 19th December 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.