

KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPLACE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2004

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

Present: Hilary and Zoë Turwicz, Petra Longhorn, Frances White, Debbie James, Ronnie and Millie Barclay (7)

Apologies: Maria Robinson, Jon Shilling

Meeting started at 8.15pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Minutes of Meeting Held 04.12.2003

There were two omissions from the last minutes:

1. It was decided that following any event held at the Cross Keys Public House, part of the organisation should include a 'Clear Up Team' to either clear up after the event or attend the pub the following morning prior to opening time.
2. It was also decided to make posters stating that either Kempston Rural Playspace or the Cross Keys pub accepted liability during events and that a responsible adult should supervise all children and vulnerable persons. These have been done and will be put up at all future events.

Andy Lowe

Following a long illness unfortunately Andy Lowe died in December 2003. The Committee offers its condolences and sympathy to all of his family. We would like to thank Andy for his commitment and enthusiasm he brought to The Playspace and Community of Wood End. He will be missed.

Hilary suggested that a plaque to remember him could be purchased to either be placed on the bench outside the Cross Keys or on a bench when installed into The Playspace. She will obtain a cost for the plaque.

To be added to the next agenda for decision to purchase plaque once cost known and if agreed, where the plaque should be placed.

Action: Hilary

Treasury Report

The Bank Account name has been successfully changed and all the relevant cheque and paying books have been received.

The current banked balance stands at: £11797.85.
We have a float of approximately £50.00

The total available with grants from The Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust, The Local Network Fund and The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) to us at this time is **£27797.85**.

This is an excellent position for us to be, in just 18 months. We have achieved a great deal, we need to continue in this vain whilst the ownership issue is dealt with and we should be very hopeful that 2004 is the year in which new equipment is installed and the project comes to life.

Fundraising Easter Egg

Roger White has ordered a large Easter Egg for raffle and is awaiting delivery. Petra and Eliot have agreed once delivered it can be placed at The Cross Keys.

Item to remain on the Agenda for next meeting.

Company Applications

There is no update at this time. It is unclear if the Portfolio's and letters have been sent out.

To be added to the Agenda for update.

Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday 22.01.2004 at Church End Village Hall, Church End @ 7.30pm. Meet at The Cross Keys Public House @ 7.15pm.

It is hoped that there may be an update as to the ownership issue.

Action: All

Maintenance Of Playspace

No new issues were raised from the Inspections.

Martin agreed to put the 'No Dogs' signs up in The Playspace that was donated by Fonz.

He also agreed to remove the centre adult swing as requested by The Parish Council following an independent inspection and tighten the wire at the top of the new fence.

(Done Wednesday 07.01.2004 - Thank you)

Newsletter

The Sub-Committee are due to meet next week. If anyone has any articles they wish to submit for publication or has articles 'For Sale or Wanted' then please contact Debbie.

Again there will be space for advertising. The size of the space and the cost is still to be decided but it will be done on a 'First Come, First Served' basis. If you want to advertise or know anyone that would in this prestigious publication then contact Debbie with the wording and art work A.S.A.P. It is hoped that it will be delivered beginning of February 2004.

Action: All

Thank You Letters

Thank you Letters have been sent to all organisations that offered financial assistance to The Playspace along with an update of our current situation. Responses to date have been understanding and positive.

Winter Social Event

Saturday 31st January 2004

From 7.00pm

Cross Keys Public House

'Take Away and Eat In Evening'

An **adult** get together to congratulate ourselves on how well we have done so far and to catch up with everyone during the winter hibernation period!!!

It was decided that there would be no other advertising than on the Parish Council Board and at the Cross Keys due to space.

Menu's will be available from various Take Away restaurants but if there is somewhere you particularly want it may be an idea to bring you own menu.

Ronnie and Mille agreed to provide paper plates and plastic knives and forks to minimise clearing and washing up.

Fancy Dress is optional but no theme was decided. Other entertainment to be decided on the night but if you got any good games, music etc for Christmas and would like to share, bring them down!

There will be an informal raffle so any donations to the pub by 7.00pm Saturday night please.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Action: All

Auction of Promises

It was decided that this item should be published in the Newsletter asking for any offers of promises.

Once responses are received then a date will be set for this event to go ahead.

If you would like to participate to support The Playspace then please contact Debbie with your offer (!!!!!!!!!!!)

Any Other Business

No issues raised.

Date of Next Meeting

THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2004

8.00PM

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ALL WELCOME