Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

Committee Meeting – Whaddon Village Hall 3rd August 2015 at 8pm

Present: Jenna Lewis - Chairman
Karen Coningsby - Secretary
Wendy Evans – Vice Chairman
Amanda Silvester Deborah Townsend
Steve Argent Amy Walker

Holding Trustees: Lee Ginger

1. Welcome
The Chairman Jenna Lewis welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Peter Haselden.

3. Declaration of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of previous meeting
The minute of the 1st June 2015 were signed by the Chairman as correct.

5. Matters Arising
1. Risk Assessment – Deborah Townsend has had a look and Amanda Silvester to have a look. We will add this to the Agenda.
2. Air source heat pump Friday 7th August.

6. Building
Acoustic Panel
This only will take 3 days to arrive. They will be ordered in September.

Car Park
£1500 from the Community Chest, £2000 from Parish Council and £1500 maybe from the Trust.
£19000 for half a car park, £27000 for a whole carpark.
We may be able to get £10000 from awards for all. £4000 from Luton airport. We may need to check which way the footpath goes. An application will be put in to try and do the whole carpark. We need a list from Wendy who she has asked quotes from. Need to talk to planners re hard standing and drainage.

1. Footpath – Gabby and Jenna.
2. Planning permission – building surveyor, district

KC JL
planners – soak aways.

3. Consultation with Mr O’Connor re car parking. Jenna Lewis to ask Terry Allison if he will speak to him.

Need to have three quotes – have to bear in mind that the quote may go up by the time we come to doing the carpark.

**Valuation of Village Hall buildings for Insurance purpose**

Snow Walker -£420,000 Jenna Lewis to hand over to the Parish Council.

**7. Correspondence**

Kardean - Further measurements of moisture. Ian Knowles has written to Kardean do we go ahead and glue it down. John Paul will go ahead and glue the whole floor. There was no moisture found. Jenna Lewis to chase Ian Knowles

Cricket Nets – Lady Whaddon has had a few balls land in her garden. Risk assessment for the nets. English cricket board has risk assessments. Went to environmental health and minutes submitted. Karen Coningsby and Jenna Lewis met with Lady Whaddon thought it was going to be an informal meeting but minutes where taken by a friend, (see minutes attached.) Lee Ginger has also had a meeting with Lady Whaddon.

There may be an issue with the boundary. Deborah Townsend asked it we moved the nets who would be responsible for them. We need to decide as a trust what need to be done. Sign on nets re responsibility - Please do not use this equipment.

Jenna Lewis will talk with Peter Haselden.

1. Move it
2. Protection – how long and do we need planning permission for cricket nets. Would make sense to move them.
3. Take netting down off the frame.
4. Put up notice. Sign and orange tape around the concrete pad.

Peter Haselden and Terry Allison to do another risk assessment on another area.

The netting around the crease needs to be removed.

Deborah Townsend to do a sign to go on the nets.

**8. Playground**

ROSPA report – There were very minor - low risk point on the report. We had a clean bill of health. ROSPA report is to be sent around the to all Trust members. Fenland will come automatically next year.

Main issue is bins overflowing and issue with wasps.

Sunday issue – Pony and trap on rec. Amy Walker to have a word.

Neil Gallery to send in a report in on Monthly inspection.

Bins to be frequently emptied during the summer.

Wendy Evans to get in touch with trade waste.
9. **Treasurers Report**
   Nothing to report.

10. **Fund Raising**
    New Years Eve party booked.
    Need to book something for February maybe Quiz night
    Party in the Barn maybe every other year.
    BBQ every other year??

11. **Lettings**
    £250 for a wedding next year and Caravan Club will be coming next year.
    Steve Argent has classes booked up to December.
    Another Yoga class has asked about an afternoon booking.
    1. Hire agreement looked at from a couple of halls. Had one person responsible. What are their responsibilities and duties?
    2. Model agreement very extensive – proposed that Whaddon agreement be adapted to incorporate some aspects of model agreement in particular responsible person.

    Security lights have been installed.

    Light checks and alarm has been done.

12. **AOB**
    WiFi access point in Hall. Deborah Townsend asked about defibulator for hall. It will need checking every week. Parish council to ask to pay for it.
    Childrens Xmas party 6\textsuperscript{th} December 3.30-6pm.
    **Project list – Soak away + tarmac parking area**

13. **Date of next meeting – 5\textsuperscript{th} October 2015 at 8pm.**
Minutes of Meeting
held Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 6.30pm at the Old Vicarage, Whaddon

Subject: Cricket Practice Net, Whaddon Recreation Ground

Present:
Lady Whaddon
Jennifer Lewis, Chairman Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust
Karen Coningsby, Secretary Whaddon Village Hall & Recreation Ground Trust

Lady Whaddon expressed her concerns about cricket balls falling by her windows at the Old Vicarage. So far she had retrieved three cricket balls and one wooden ball. She mentioned that a child came over a couple of weeks ago to pick up a ball that had fallen in her garden, and that she had also seen another child coming through the fence to pick up balls. She stressed that this was not acceptable, that at the very least they should ask permission. Also that this is dangerous and that protection must be put up. An Australian cricketer had been killed by a ball only a few months ago.

Lady Whaddon said that she had spoken to the Health & Safety Officer, Julie Winfield, who agrees that some protection should be erected.

She has also shown the cricket practice net to the surveyor for the new buyers, asking him if he was a cricketer and if a safety net should be erected to prevent balls falling into the garden. He said there definitely should be a safety net.

Karen Coningsby said there was a safety net, but that it has been installed badly and was flapping.

Jennifer Lewis said that she was under the impression that Lady Whaddon had been told about the cricket practice net (before its installation) and apologised on behalf of the Trust.
Lady Whaddon said it was a matter of courtesy that she should have been told beforehand.

Jennifer Lewis said it was not her understanding (that Lady Whaddon had not been told in advance).

Lady Whaddon said that people should not come across the fence to collect balls as it was private property. She then went to get the four balls she had found in the grounds – three cricket balls and one wooden ball (ex Fête). She said that, ideally, she would prefer the existing net to be moved a bit further away from the boundary to the Old Vicarage grounds. Failing that, she must insist on a safety net high enough to prevent balls from falling near her windows.

Jennifer Lewis explained that, when the cricketers were practising, there were no high balls and that children playing might be responsible for balls coming over.

Lady Whaddon replied that she knew for a fact that adults were playing when a ball came into her garden around Easter time, as she saw them from an upstairs window. There were children too. And that she really must insist that a strong safety net is erected in the area of the cricket practice net.

Jennifer Lewis asked if this was recent.

Lady Whaddon replied that she found a cricket ball at Easter, and the last time just after the Fête a couple of weeks ago. She feels that the Trust has a duty of protection so must erect a protective fence if they are not going to move the cricket practice net further away into the recreation area, which she would prefer. She reiterated that nobody had asked her before doing it and that it could have been installed a little bit further from her windows. When she spoke afterwards to Peter Haselden, he said that this would not have been possible as others neighbours had objected. So other people were asked, but she was not.

Lady Whaddon said that they were putting the foundations in when she heard the noise. Jo Haselden telephoned and said don't worry about what is happening next door, it's only a cricket practice net. Then over the next few days the whole
structure went up, with no safety fence around it. The house is being sold and the new buyers have two young boys whose safety might be endangered by cricket balls coming over.

Lady Whaddon reiterated she was never asked and that Peter Heseldine came over with a bunch of flowers after it had been done.

Karen Coningsby said Lady Whaddon should have said something before it was put up, to which Lady Whaddon said she was never told in advance and that this was dangerous. Jo Haselden in her telephone call had said don’t worry, it’s nothing sinister, only a cricket practice net.

Jennifer Lewis said that it must be dug into the ground. Lady Whaddon said it was down to saving lives.

Jennifer Lewis said that they need to look at what the most practical solution is.

Lady Whaddon then took Jennifer Lewis and Karen Coningsby over to see the windows nearest to the recreation ground and showed them how close the cricket balls had fallen.

Jennifer Lewis and Karen Coningsby both agreed that something must be done and they were going to look firstly at fixing the cricket practice net properly into the ground and secondly at erecting a protective net.

The meeting ended at 6.50pm in a friendly and helpful manner.