

WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Trustees Meeting 24th January 2007

In the Chair: Mr Gili-Ross
Trustees Present: Mrs Bowden, Mr Colbron, Mr Johnson, Mr Savage, Mr Short, Mr Sleigh, Mr Stone, Mr Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: Councillor Willetts arrived 8.05p.m.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Stevenson.

2. **To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting**

With no amendments the Minutes were approved and signed.

3. **Hall Report**

- Mr Tyrrell reported that significant expenditure was needed over the next 2 – 3 years:
Lighting – approximately £2,000
Insulation – approximately £3,000
Decorating – approximately £3,000
Windows – approximately £40,000 which could be done over a 3 year time period.
- Heating – the boiler is working only intermittently and, during cold periods, the hall is not warming up enough, particularly for the playgroup. Quotes are to be sought to replace the system together with the necessary pipe work and low heat radiators. Only reputable companies will be asked to quote. Mrs Bowden has agreed to look into this.
- A leaking pipe in the room upstairs will be dealt with shortly.
- The elections will take place in the John Lampon Hall on 3rd May 2007. Colchester Borough Council will be charged £160 for the use of the facilities.
- Mrs Mayhew will have a second phone line installed in her house which will be dedicated to the Orpen Hall. The phone will include an answer phone.
- Powergen's contract is due to be renewed in September.

Accounts

November – The accounts showed 81% income and 83% expenditure.

December – The accounts showed 92% income and 89% expenditure.

Expenditure – Approved by Mr Savage and seconded by Mr Sleigh

Accurus	274.00
Vincent Pizzuto	88.12
Roberts Cleaning Services	25.00
Caroline Nix	216.00
PRS Ltd	292.70
Golding Audio	1475.00
J Mayhew	28.80
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Salary payment to Mrs Mayhew

4. **Allotments**

- It was agreed to amend the Allotment rules as follows: Fruit trees to be kept to not more than 10 feet in height and regularly pruned.
- Use of weed control spray is to be controlled by the Allotment Committee. Spray and liquid is held by Harry Stone. Mr Broom will be asked to undertake this work if he agrees.
- A trench for pipe work has been dug. The connection is still to be organised by the Allotment committee.
- The Oak tree allegedly causing subsidence to a property in Albany Close is to be removed by order of Allianz Cornhill. Quotes range from £540 - £1400. The lower quote was accepted and the work will be carried as soon as possible.
- A tenant has been given notice to quit 2 allotments should they not be cleared by June 2007.

5. **Poors Land**

Temporary fencing is still in place to prevent vehicular access. Replacement of the gate from Colchester Road onto Poors Land is to be organised. Costs are being obtained for the work.

Heathlands PTA were given permission to use Poors Land for their fireworks event on 3rd November 2007. They will be able to use the field until 11a.m. the following day to give them a chance to clear up. Over £5,500 was raised at the event last year.

6. **Lorkin Daniell Playing Field**

A letter was received from a nearby resident complaining about the football club's excessive use of the MUGA. This will be passed to the WBMSC committee.

Because the Cory grant for phase 3 of the play area was not accepted, CBC will be asked if they will accept a smaller project for their part of the phase 3 funding. Also, there is an underspend in the grant funding for 2005/2006. The possibility of securing some of this will be looked into.

7. **Village Green**

- The high barrier at the entrance is still under discussion with the insurance company.
- Complaints are still being received about broken bottles. This will be monitored.

8. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.