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John Broxis
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Dear John

10th May 2010

Following our committee meeting on the 6th May 2010, we would like to update you on the position of the footpath 15a. Bill Fry had a meeting with Rob Thompson, the rights of way officer for Hampshire County Council, he informed us the path actually runs on top of the bank, which leads from the south edge of the car park following a route behind the changing rooms then runs behind the goal posts and through our field. The first part is still too unsafe to pass due to a damaged manhole cover and two missing stopcock covers, there is also a certain amount of glass and debris etc on the route. At this point Mr Thompson stated that Hampshire County Highways has no money in the kitty to put this right.

We the committee believe that the parish council should have the footpath rerouted, so that it runs through the hall car park and up between the changing rooms block and the main hall turning right along the front of the changing rooms and rejoining the natural route running alongside the hedge behind the goal posts.

With reference to my letter dated 7th Feb, for your information, what we believed to be the proper route is known as Bulls Lane, and also Ron Thompson, works for Hampshire Highways and not B & D, at Basing House, you can reach him by calling 01256 840483.

We would also like to officially inform the parish council that we are in the process of applying for planning permission for an 'all weather sports playing surface' 30m x 40m on the south east side of the playing fields, behind the play park. This will be mainly used in the winter for football and in the summer it could be used for many other sports including hockey, tennis, cricket practice etc. The reason we are attempting to go down this route is that Bill Fry who manages the playing fields at present has been asked whether we have this facility because people want to hire this type of sports venue. The expected expenditure of this surface would be £80,000 and we are looking into ways of raising grants to pay for it, of which in turn we would be grateful for any help that the parish council could furnish us with.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary EVH.

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Minutes of committee meeting on May 6th 2010

Attending: Paul Oldring Chairman Chris Hutchins Treasurer
 Lynne Hutchins Secretary Bill Fry Football
 Steve Fionda

Apologies: Odette Henderson and Andy Hamilton

Minutes to AGM 8th April agreed subject to replace Alan Spalding apologies with Andy Hamilton.

New committee member Anthony Turner, proposed by Bill Fry and seconded by Paul Oldring, to replace Alan Spalding as a trustee, who resigned in march 2010.

Accounts stand at £10,652.39, funds are down £2,000.00 on last month due to having to pay for kissing gate to prevent vandals access in their cars to the playing fields. The electricity bill, which was £350 higher than normal, due to winter bill underestimated and also the annual buildings and contents insurance has been paid.

Chris also produced the audit required by New Greenham Park for the £10,000.00 grant received in April 2009. I delivered it to them on 30th April 2010.

Chris attended the forum agm meeting on April 10th 2010, it was reported that Sandy Pearcey of B & Deane's community officer, has been replaced by a new lady, whose name will be distributed in the near future and there is a list of organisations that grants can be applied for, for various projects that we will be looking into.

The new bar/entertainments licence is now held in the name of Ecchinswell village hall committee, which gives the committee more freedom when events are organised/hall rented for private functions, where a dps holder will attend/ organise bar. Part of the new regulations is measured volumes from unsealed bottles/barrels, which have to be adhered to.

With reference to the above it is proposed that a new bar will be organised in the balcony room to be used mainly for sports functions and outside rentals.

Steve Fionda stated that Wobble has two trestle tables, which were used for the may fair at the Royal Oak, which he is repairing for us as a thank you for the loan of them. Also Steve has paid the annual fee for the calendar on the website. He is also looking to

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see if it is possible to upgrade the calendar with more details. Grass cutting has started on the play park. The hall maintenance is up to date at the moment.

Bill Fry reported that the recent good weather has allowed the football teams to catch up with backlog of games and the season is coming to an end.

The containers are due to be moved from the car park plus off the front of the hall on the green, hopefully with the help of Sydmonton Estates, when their new machine arrives at the beginning of June, subject to the field being dry enough for the weight of machine and the container. Bill had a meeting with the rights of way officer, Rob Thompson, who supplied him with a map showing the footpath runs along the edge of the car park to the north side of the changing rooms, it then runs along the north side of the field by the hedge. The path to the north of this is known as Bulls lane, owned by an unknown landowner. The rights of way officer has supplied the necessary arrows/signage to show the correct route of the foot path. He also stated that there are no funds available to pay to have the path cleared, manhole/stopcock covers repaired. Bill will be talking to community service group to see if they would supply the labour to clear the foot path so people can keep to the correct route.

Paul suggested that Lynne writes to John Broxis, the chairman of the ES&BG parish council, to see if it's possible to get the route of the footpath changed to proceed between the village hall and the changing rooms, this would save the necessity of doing the clearing work on the bank.

He also stated that Doreen Gascoigne, the parish clerk, has been sending the regular updates for the play park, showing no need to do any repair work.

Formal planning application has been applied for the proposed all weather playing surface, to the south of the play park.

Next meeting to be held on June 3rd at 7.30pm in evh.

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