

BADLESMERE LEES AND HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 12 April 2022

Those present: Ian Earl (Chair); Sue Earl (Secretary); Rick Blackman (Treasurer).

Apologies for absence: Dave Austin, Steve Burt, Gareth Fulton, Fred Gregory, Charlie Kirby, Katie Potter, Ben Pullen, Tom Sisley.

The meeting was inquorate and so no decisions were made. The following is information for dissemination to the committee.

1 Minutes of the January and February meetings

1.1 The minutes were passed (to be confirmed when quorate).

2 Matters arising.

From October 2021

- 2.1 From October: the escape route across the rough ground at the rear of the hall from the fire exits has been partially rendered safe by the placing of paving slabs, in particular over the drainage ditches.
- 2.2 The metal post destined for the northern layby has yet to be installed.
- 2.3 The six-month review of the cleaning regime (by SE) has shown that 3 hours a month were needed, except for December (no visits). This system will continue until SE or the committee feels a need to change it.

From January

- 2.4 Mowing of the lees – the contractor we use informed IE that his charges will rise, possibly considerably, not least because fuel prices have doubled in the last year.

From February

- 2.5 Tree planting – 35 trees were planted on the southern side of Dayton Road on 26 Feb.
- 2.6 The proposed wilding project may achieve funding from the North Downs AONB.

3 Accounts

- 3.1 The accounts for 2021 were circulated to the committee on 25 Feb. RB will get them independently checked in time for presentation and publication at the AGM in May.
- 3.2 Balances in the accounts as at 31 March are as follows:-

BPH current account	£6152.46
BPH reserve account	£26811.25
BLPC current account	£2397.18
BLPC reserve account	£2262.75
- 3.3 In February the village hall received an Omicron Hospitality & Leisure Grant of £2667.00.
- 3.4 The funds in the BLPC accounts include £298 from entries for this year's 10K Run, and £1125 from 100 Club membership with no monthly prizes having been paid out yet.

- 3.5 There is a new group of regular hirers – a two-piece band practising their ‘Blue Grass’ music.

4 Events update

- 4.1 Jubilee Holiday – flyers have been printed, to be distributed by Jane Austin and IE; an entry in the parish magazine will be made (JA); no band of a suitable genre for the Big Picnic has been found yet.
- 4.2 The 10K Run – verbal agreement has been received from ER (Lees Court Estate) and Phil Scutt that the run can again cross their lands; flyers have been printed, to be distributed locally with the Jubilee flyer, and far and wide by whoever goes to suitable locations/events; an entry in the parish magazine will be made, accompanying that announcing the AGM (IE).

5 Governance and administration

- 5.1 Remote or hybrid-remote meetings, i.e. decision-making by Skype, WhatsApp, email or telephone, which were allowed (encouraged/required) during the pandemic are now suspended. Should the committee deem it a suitable method for future meetings the Charities Commission have stated that our governing documents will need altering (source: ACRK). IE recommends no such change be made.
- 5.2 The Badlesmere Parish Hall AGM is set for 10 May. The date is to be published in the parish magazine, and IE will announce it via his email broadcast system. No flyers will be posted through doors in the two parishes this year as was the norm.

6 AOB

- 6.1 The Estate has informed IE that no action will be taken concerning the encroachment onto land which is strictly part of the lees outside Leaside (matter first raised in October 2020). With regard to any apparent commercial repairing or the selling of motor vehicles on the south track this should be reported to Trading Standards.
- 6.2 The massive and deep puddle that formed bordering the entrance to Leavemere bungalows was caused by a leak in one of the underground water pipes. This was reported (by the Estate) to South East Water, and has now been fixed. However, the dip which filled with water is still there and is on part of the North Track, so will still need attention. The Estate offered road planings but this was thought to be incompatible with the type 1 material used on the rest of the track.
- 6.3 A lees clear-up session is sorely needed particularly after the winter’s storms resulting in much tree debris on the lees. It is feared it may hamper the first mowing of the lees.

The next committee meeting will follow immediately after the AGM which is scheduled for 7.30 pm, Tuesday, 10 May in the village hall.