

Hacombe-with-Combe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Hearn Field Committee held on 17 January 2024

Present: Cllr R Hussey (Chairman), Cllr Gill Humble (ex officio), Cllr Julia Evans, Cllr Martin Wakefield, Charlotte Bouchard, Annie Drew & Mike Melville-Shreeve

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

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APOLOGIES

- Liz Deane

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and to declare any disclosable interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

There were no declarations of interest.

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RATIFICATION OF MINUTES

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Hearn Field Committee Meeting held on 20 September 2023.

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COVID RECOVERY FUNDS

Members have had the opportunity to explore projects which particularly interest them. These include:

Work on the car park – Simon
Events and activities – Annie and Charlotte.
Storage and shelving – Annie and Charlotte
Signage – Annie and Charlotte
Presentation of the history of Hearn Field – Julia and Liz

There was an idea that a lean-to storage shed at the rear of the Pavilion might be beneficial. There was a brief discussion about planning requirements. It was thought that there would be no requirements but it was thought it would be courteous to speak to the immediate neighbouring property to advise them of any plans. Bob will speak to Tim Boarer to see if he would be interested in building it.

Bob thanked Martin for his help and involvement. It has been useful that Martin has often been on site to organise quotes etc but so has not to overload Martin it is important that members support each other with these projects.

Quotes have been obtained to replace the doors in the Pavilion. There has been a huge variation in prices. The preferred option is Absolute Builds in Teignmouth though they are coming back to advise if there is any change in the price as it has been some months since the quotation was submitted. Bob advised that he has also asked how the doors will be supplied and is awaiting a response.

Members discussed how decisions about these projects will be made. After a lengthy discussion, the following process was agreed:

- Details of individual projects to be sent to Bob who will then make a recommendation at the next scheduled Parish Council meeting.
- The Parish Council will agree a framework of expenditure
- Details of the project will also be circulated to members of the Hearn Field Committee in the form of a proposal document (with graphics if appropriate) for comment. If there are no comments, it is to be assumed members are happy with details of the proposal

There was a brief discussion about the lighting along the drive and whether this is something the Committee wishes to reinstate. It was agreed that the wiring needs testing and then an agreement reached about the style of lighting required.

It was highlighted that there are a number of issues which need addressing at the Pavilion in terms of maintenance. The process of getting these done is time-consuming

and it might be worth including other volunteers to help put job specifications together and meet contractors to obtain quotes etc.

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WOODSHED COFFEE BAR

No report. There was a brief discussion about electricity usage which Martin is keeping a record of.

There was a brief discussion about whether Pavilion hire charges should increase during the winter to cover the increasing cost of electricity.

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THEATRE

Events which have been booked and contracts signed:

16 June (Fathers' Day) - Immersion Theatre – Peter Pan
3 August – Illyria – Hound of the Baskervilles

Confirmation of other events (possibly 2 or 3) is awaited.

Outdoor cinema has been considered but the cost and risks are high. This was therefore not supported.

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EVENTS

7.1 **Bonfire Night Event**
No report at this stage.

7.2 **Village Show**
Bookings have started to be confirmed. A meeting of the organisation/volunteer team will be confirmed soon. A premises licence is being applied for.

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OTHER BOOKINGS & ACTIVITIES

There was positive feedback following the regatta last week. The cooker was not working so an engineer has looked at that today. They also commented on the state of the toilets and Martin is going to have a look at them.

Gill reported that Combe Cellars were unhappy that their car park had been used for the event. The organisers of future events will need to arrange suitable parking and communicate with attendees that Combe Cellars car park should not be used for their event.

A pop-up sauna is booked for 6th February.

The Cycle Club will be a gathering on the field on 19th May to remember Ron Vaulter. His memorial tree has been planted and a plaque will be installed.

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OPERATIONS

Members were reminded that certain decisions have been delegated to the 'Hearn Field Four' (Bob, Julia, Liz and Gill). Recently, a decision has been made to accept 10% of the pop-up sauna takings.

Bob proposed that consideration is given to increasing the hiring charges and that the Hearn Field Four looks at this and makes a proposal at a future meeting.

It is important to keep the community aware of what is happening on the field and how the Covid recovery funds are being spent.

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PAVILION AND OUTBUILDINGS

Martin will look at repairs and access to the disabled toilet.

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GROUND, GARDENS AND CAR PARK

Bob will speak to Tim about the sea wall. They will look at the condition of it and he will ask Tim if he is prepared to lead a team to carry out some pointing.

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MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR GENERAL DISCUSSION, FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm in Hearn Field Pavilion.

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Chairman