

Minutes of ORAC Committee Meeting
Thursday 16th November 2023 7.30pm
Occold Village Hall

Welcome

Ted welcomed everyone to meeting.

Present

Ted Hampson Vice Chair

Gill Chapman Treasurer

Carol Peters Secretary

John Davies

Dan Hull

Gordon Erhorn

Russell Grange

In attendance

Lesley Hull

Natalie Jackson Occold School

Lianne Walsh Occold School

Apologies

Stephen Hubner

Nigel Woodhouse

Johanna Matta

Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

A rescore of risks regarding carpark, drive and field use by children after installation of speed bumps and signs. Possibility of installing another speed bump at drive entrance. Will consult with neighbours prior to any decision being made.

Flooding concerns from residents regarding village green and car park were discussed at length. Drainage surveys are being arranged and a plan of drains can be sent to Parish Council.

Still awaiting quote from electrician so may need to source another electrician to complete work.

Electrician to replace drive lighting. Looking to purchase acPIR light over main door.

We were awarded £1984 from Locality Award and new playground furniture has been ordered. ORAC agreed to pay the extra £197 to complete purchase. DH offered to remove old furniture.

Agreed to keep check on how some hirers leave hall, may need to ask for money to cover cleaning costs if problem persists.

The Quiz night was cancelled but a new date will be arranged for next year.

The Oracle is underway and will be ready to be printed next week.

ORAC will be hosting the Soup Lunch on 24th November 12-1pm

It was agreed to purchase a Sum Up machine for future events.

Treasurers Report

Report is attached.

We are in a good position and bookings are steady.

Fundraising

Craft Afternoon continues to be supported.

Coffee Morning is well supported and continues to make a profit. A board is to be placed on road near school advertising the event.

Christmas Fair on 24th November 3-5pm has 15 stalls booked. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas Dinner on 9th December has 54 bookings. The meal makers are meeting on November 23rd to finalise arrangements.

Maintenance

Boiler has been serviced and we will ask Optimal Heating to service every year.

Gill circulated the main points from the ROSPA report for playground, attached with minutes.

It was agreed to cost new playground equipment to replace the zip wire and new surfacing, but we will need to apply for grants. A workday will be arranged for the spring to do maintenance on the playground.

AOB

The quote for tree removal is £810 for the day. TH to liaise with school to see which brambles and trees they would like removed.

Natalie and Lianne outlined their prospective plans for the school gardens. Plans attached.

All agreed in principle. Lianne discussed plans for a book exchange outside the village hall.

All agreed.

School have been given 100 saplings/ hedgerow plants. It will be decided where to plant them in the spring.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th January 7.30pm in the Village Hall