

Buckland Dinham Amenities Group –

Minutes from meeting 24.06.25

Attendees: Chris, Jackie, Geoff, Alan, Corinne, Suzie, Sian

1. Minutes from previous meeting were handed round by Chris and approved.

2. There was an update on playing maintenance.

- 2.1 The wire fence which prevents access to repair the wooden fence has been taken down, although it has not yet been cleared away. Chris has spoke to Austin Phippen about this, who says he will clear it.
- 2.2 Chris has measured the wooden fence which is approx 50 metres long, and has 29 posts holding it up. Only 11 of these posts are entirely solid, so we need approximately 15 new posts. (Chris will measure height of fence to determine how large these posts need to be.)
- 2.3 Sian then will look quotes for 15 new posts plus post-crete.
- 2.4 Then, before the winter we need to get volunteers up to the part to dig fifteen holes and instal the posts. One suggestion was that 15 people in the village should each volunteer to dig a hole.
- 2.5 Another suggestion was that this could coincide with the village camp out in September. (see below.)

3. Playing Field Camp Out

- 3.1 A camp out is being organised for the village children to camp in the playing field.
- 3.2 Because of availability this is more likely to happen at the end of the summer holidays. A date of sat 6th September is suggested but not confirmed.
- 3.3 Every camper will contribute £5 and the money raised will go towards the cost of a new mower for the playing field.
- 3.4 A barbecue was mooted but it was decided that fire is best avoided.

4. Update on the Strawberry Fayre.

- 4.1 Fundraising expectations: They hope to raise £500-£1000, which will be set aside (although it cannot be strictly ring-fenced) as seed money to help next year's Fayre develop.
- 4.2 Although the organisers have got lots of coins in change, a second electronic payment device is reckoned essential as the Village Hall only has one device but the Fayre will have a bar inside and out. Sian is looking into this on the Fayre's behalf. Also Geoff.
- 4.3 Music: A Frome musician, Jane, will play an acoustic set and Martin the Cheese Lord will DJ.
- 4.4 Food: Tibetan Memories, Sausage Rolls, Cram teas and Strawberries. Also gin, negronis, wine and beer and soft drinks. (Drink and food are sale or return as numbers are uncertain.)
- 4.5 Comms: The posters are up, and more are going up. Sian asked for a digital flyer to share.
- 4.6 Other: Sian offered use of her very large gazebo.
- 4.7 Chris raised Health and safety. Any stalls, music etc which need power outside can access it in the Millenium Gardens. Cables will be covered by rubber mats to prevent trip hazards. Suzie mentioned contacting the Hall's fire safety officer to inform him of what is occurring.

5. Plans for purchase of the new mower

- 5.1 A fundraising site is up and running but there was no intelligence on how much has been raised. Sian will ask Libby about this.

- 5.2 It was generally agreed that the health and safety briefings on how to use the new mower will be helpful. It's hoped there would only be two needed and Suzie said the playing field account might have some money to pay for someone (at least to cover their petrol costs) to provide these briefings.
- 5.3 Chris has all the intelligence about the mower from the playing field committee which he will present to the Parish Council on 3rd July.

6. Buckland Walks

- 6.1 Corinne came to the meeting with her plan to offer guided walks around the village. She will charge £5 per entrant and the money raised will go towards the village magazine or the repair of the lych gate.
- 6.2 Corinne hopes this will become a regular thing but she's starting with just one walk. If it's a success she will arrange a date for the next walk immediately afterwards.
- 6.3 The first walk will be on this summer bank holiday Monday – 25th Aug. Meet at 10 am outside the church for a two hour walk which will return to the church at midday so everyone can go to the Bell Inn for refreshments.
- 6.4 Dogs are allowed but on leads. Children over 12 only.
- 6.5 Chris will prepare an announcement to create an event in the Village Chat, which he will check with Corinne before posting.
- 6.6 Chris will also look into a way of allowing walkers to pay beforehand rather than just take cash on the day. (This is to encourage people to commit.)
- 6.7 We discussed whether to further promote the walks but decided to begin with word of mouth and the village chat.

- 7. **A date of 9th September (again 7:30 at Village Hall) was agreed for next BAG meeting.** (Subsequently changed to 16th Oct.)