

## **Poringland & District Men's Shed – Trustees Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday 13<sup>Th</sup> February 2018 09:30 @ Sassebeans Café, Brooke Industrial Park

Attendees HG, JM, LB, TR, SD. Apologies received from RB

Previous minutes agreed

### **Brooke Village Mere post**

HG attended Brooke PC meeting to agree the scope of works & a call out for volunteers will be made at the AGM.

### **Funding**

HG spoke to Julie Ringer about possible funding opportunities and several local councillors have made donations. JM is purchasing new power tools and we shall also purchase new hand tools. TR will speak to NMS re a suitable sharpening tool. It was suggested that when buying tools with grant fund money we should buy spares at the same time i.e. blades. This will minimise expenditure from our own funds.

TR

### **Health & Safety**

HG has spoken to Paul about the role of equipment competency assessor and he has kindly agreed to take this on. This will be announced at the AGM.

### **The Barn**

The Lean To is now in place and will be used for welding and dusty woodwork.

### **AGM**

We are expecting a number of guests including Julie Ringer, local councillors, and several representatives from other Norfolk sheds.

### **WW1 Commemoration**

SNC are encouraging community involvement and providing funding. HG outlined an idea that PDMS could, with support from a local school, create. The concept is a WW1 themed silhouette surrounded by 100 wooden crosses. This would be displayed in the Poringland Memorial Garden (subject to permission) in time for Armistice Day 2018.

### **Fundraising Opportunity**

TR outlined a scheme offered by Bunnings DIY (formerly Homebase) at Sprowston. Community groups use Bunnings BBQ equipment to cook & sell sausage baps. NMS have a slot in Spring and hope to raise several hundred pounds. It was felt we should use the more local Hall Road store when it becomes Bunnings.

### **Mow & Grow Organisation [www.thegroworganisation.org](http://www.thegroworganisation.org)**

HG & JM visited this organisation in Bowthorpe which is seeking our help to create a sensory garden. We have agreed we will prefabricate some simple structures such as raised beds, benches, etc and oversee construction on site. The South Norfolk Tree Warden Network will provide hedging.

Meeting ended 10:45