

PDMS - Trustees Meeting Minutes

10:00 am Friday 11th December 2020 via Zoom Conference Video

Present: HG, JM, RB, SD, LB, TR, PS, PW

General Update

HG opened the meeting and thanked JM for making the Santa Sleigh. HG announced he will be interviewed on Radio Norfolk on Saturday 12th at 7:45. This was a great opportunity to promote Men's Sheds. 600 discs were produced by a number of PDMShedders for Seething Forest School. These will be decorated by the pupils and hung on the Xmas tree. There were about 12 shedders in attendance for the handover on Tuesday and most are eager for the shed to re-open. 5 sheds in Norfolk have reopened. HG proposed we revisit our position in the New Year

ACTION

HG

Burglary

HG outlined the circumstances of the burglary and subsequent retrieval of our goods.

Framingham High Bungalow -Satellite Shed

We now have a lease in place and the keys . There are no charges for rent but we expect to pay for utilities. (Not yet clear whether there is a water meter in place). We shall need to ensure the building is Covid-19 secure before we can start to occupy it. We shall need to insure the contents when we begin to transfer tools etc.

RB

Arminghall Village Hall

This is to be used as a wood store, shelving and items of little or no value. We shall not be insuring contents. We have a lease and a rent of £10:00/month. We can begin to transfer our goods in the New Year.

Bowls Club Site

HG is progressing the lease on the Bowls Club land. The lease is expected to be for a minimum of 25 years and a peppercorn rent. We shall own the shed building.

Fund-raising can commence once a lease is in place.

ACTION

Martin Fry has suggested a structure for the new shed and has been asked to prepare some costing etc.

We have also been recommended to consider a company based in Brooke TUIIN who specialise in timber framed buildings. We hope to construct a simple low profile building about 60' x 20'. Ideally we shall have solar panels and/or ground source heat pumps to keep overheads low. It will also include a "clean space" which can be used for our own meetings and rented out to provide income.

Finances

RB will issue a full report at our year end (31st December) members contributions have declined due to the two lockdowns and we spent £400 making the shed Covid-19 secure. Thankfully we have received 2 generous grants. We have opened a second account in readiness for our new shed expenditure and have deposited £10,000. Insurance costs may increase now we have two sites. A standing order need to set up for the monthly rent of the Village Hall.

RB

RB/SD

Xmas Zoom Meeting

It was agreed that we should hold a Zoom meeting for all members before Xmas. TR agreed to host as he has access to an unlimited time account with Zoom

TR

Other Business

LB asked if we had made a bid for the free laptops. HG confirmed we had. SD commented that the uptake amongst Norfolk sheds had been very good and they would be distributed fairly across the network.

TR announced that NMS would reopen in the New Year

JM added that as a result of the story of our burglary losses (which were subsequently recovered) a member of the public has donated some welding equipment to us.

HG outlined his thought on the current state of affairs at UKMSA - Kate Gordon has resigned and her post remains vacant.

HG outlined his preliminary discussions with the Repair Shed organisation. We may consider joining when the new shed is built.

Meeting closed 11:25am