

Joint Buckden Parish Council & Village Hall Trust liaison meeting
Wednesday 22nd June 2022 6.30 via Zoom
Notes

Attendees: Matt Beldam, Cynthia Alers, Caroline Underwood, Sue Ashwell,

Storage

The VHT are awaiting a quote from the contractor. Once the figure is known then grant applications can be made. The plan is to put containers on what is currently the Boules pitch. BPC confirmed that it had 25k in reserves for their contribution to storage for the handymen. It was noted that VHT had been assured no planning consent was required.

Finance

Grant update SA explained that more information about the use of the grant was required as the information to date did not show that it had been fully spent. This is required for audit purposes. CA said that she was sure they have the required information and that when her current work commitments are complete she will find the relevant information.

Play equipment

CU explained that there was the opportunity to bid for more CIL funds from HDC and BPC was considering play equipment. VHT in principle would be happy to support this. The areas that can be used are:

- The area where there are 3 trees backing on to the Bowls pitch
- Where the current storage is when it is moved
- Utilising half of the area where the netball post is
- Around the edge of the sports field.
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Update from VHT

- Bookings are not yet back to pre-pandemic levels, in particular there is a need for more corporate clients. Income is still not covering expenditure.
- The Village Club is beginning to improve but still owes the VHT money which they are not yet in a position to repay.
- All leases have been renegotiated and this now allows them to apply for CIO status
- The Hall has retained its Hallmark and they are intending to apply for Level 2

Update from BPC

- Still seek to install AV equipment
- More Councillors are still required

Date of next meeting TBC