

Joint Buckden Parish Council & Village Hall Trust liaison meeting

Wednesday 19th October 2022 6.30 via Zoom Notes

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

Storage

The original company that would have carried out the whole project is not currently able to offer a service so CA is getting quotes for ground works, electrics, the containers and removal of old containers. Not all quotes are in yet but she will update BPC when she has more information. Planning permission issues will be checked before installation is approved

Finances

BPC is just beginning its budget setting process. It was confirmed that Jo had submitted bid for grass maintenance.

VHT finances have been impacted by the increase in energy costs. CA and MB will meet to discuss the impact of this.

Decisions re office and treatment room will be made following clarity about the impact of the financial position on the VH.

Follow up on outdoor improvements

Capacity is an issue in this case. CA said that there is a new trustee who may be willing to lead on fund raising. She asked that at the next meeting of BPC we ask for someone to support with the fund raising/bid writing. The aim is to focus on improving the MUGA. There are calls for a skate park but the VHT do not favour this for a number of reasons, space, cost, and knock on issues with vandalism.

ACTION BCPC to Councillors if they could support with fundraising/bid writing.

Update from VHT

The move from Charitable status should be complete by Christmas. There was a query about the ownership of the cycle racks. CU said she would contact Clare Rankin and ask about responsibility.

ACTION CU to contact Clare Rankin to ask about responsibility for cycle racks.

CU rang CR who said that as it is on VHT land they belong to the Village Hall Trust.

PLEASE note BPC are willing to take responsibility for these and will put them on their asset register and maintain if required. We will take this formal proposal to the next PC meeting.

Update from BPC

Difficulties in getting sufficient Parish Councillors to fulfil workload effectively

AOB

CU updated on the BPC purchasing the "Owl" AV system. BPC may be able to allow VHT to offer this facility for a small fee – to be considered by Council.

Date of next meeting

30th November 2022 6.30 via Zoom OR BEFORE IF REQUIRED