

Joint Buckden Parish Council & Village Hall Trust liaison meeting
Notes of Wednesday 18th October 2023

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

Grant progress

- Stage 2 of BPC's bid with BVHT for capital funds for climate mitigation/energy savings SA went through the requirements of the second stage and agreed to send it on. There was discussion about who should lead on each section. **ACTION CA,MB & SA**
- Other applications none of the other BVHT applications have been successful.
- SA reminded the VHT that an application was needed to apply for the annual PC grant deadline for funds in 2024. If the application is received by end of October that will help with the BPC budgeting process

Playground Playing field issues.

- It was agreed that grants focussed on Healthy Living objectives would enable the PC and VHT to improve the grounds. SA confirmed that in principle, subject to full Council approval BPC could support any installation with both insurance cover and maintenance. CU confirmed that BPC is aware that improvements of the recreational facilities are a priority for the village

Legal issues update from BPC

- CU confirmed that the BPC solicitor informed BPC that the Millennium Trust will inform the Land Registry there is no outstanding mortgage/lien

Update from VHT

- VHT have just been awarded Hallmark 2 status
- Trustees are in the process of putting together a 1-5 year strategy and working to ensure each trustee leads on specific aspects of the strategy.
- The Village Club is now in a stronger financial position and all outstanding rent is now paid.
- The Football Club have volunteered to renovate the interior of the pavilion.
- There is still no caretaker in place, they may look for a key holder.

Update from BPC

- BPC confirmed that the Handymen's storage will be in a newly refurbished Gardeners shed at the Allotments.
- CU updated VHT on the discussion with the developers Morris homes and the unresolved roundabout issues.
- There was mention of the discussions with Peter Menczer about the Brampton Hub and that NottCutts may be willing to help. CU to ask PM for contact details. **ACTION CU**

Date of next meeting 6.30 Wednesday 13th December via Zoom