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**Minutes of the Ashton under Hill Recreation Centre held on
Wednesday, 18th January 2012**

1. Present: Mr. Brian Stephens (Chair/Treasurer), Mrs. Sarah Lane (Secretary), Gerald Barnett, Jo Brown, Doreen Cope, Judith Templeton, Tony Lewis, Penny Scotland and Jen Creese
Also present: Vicky Lawson, Ed Spires, Carol Reeve, Mr. and Mrs Frank Moore, Ian Clarkson and Graham Begley.

2. Apologies: Were received from Wendy Shirra and Ruth Barnett.

3. Ashton Fete:

The first part of the meeting was taken up with the visitors to discuss the possibility of holding the bi-annual fete and produce show. Tony gave a resume of the previous fete which included likely costs, particularly the cost of a large marquee. This might cost in the region of £1500. Suggestions were made as to the possibility of reaching out to the Village for possible donations towards this cost. Vicky Lawson expressed an interest in organizing the event with the help of other visitors present and it was agreed to go ahead and form a sub-committee to include two members of the Committee. It was also agreed that the event should remain under the auspices of the Recreation Centre. Brian thanks Vicky and other visitors for attending and for their offers of help. Visitors then left apart from Graham.

4. Diamond Jubilee

Graham Begley has agreed to provide one or two local groups to play a variety of music at the picnic lunch to be arranged for Sunday June 3rd. Jo suggested we also have background music when the bands have finished.

Possible times: 12pm-12.30pm lunchtime picnic (families bring their own plus gazebos and chairs). Followed at 2.30pm with organized games etc. till 4.0pm. No timescale for finishing. Visitors then left meeting.

5. Minutes of previous meeting:

These had been distributed and were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising:

(a) Kitchen refurbishment

Sarah reported that the approximate total cost would be around £6,000. She suggested that because we had received £5,000 from the Parish Council towards this, we shelve the application to Awards for All (the

lottery) for a grant and maybe apply later when we have another project. This was agreed.

It was hoped the work could be carried out during the Easter break.

(b) Football pitch

Brian reported that Nick Organ was retiring as organizer of the Ashton football club. The Yew Tree FBC has been given details of cost for using the pitch (£250 per year). And they are awaiting a reply to their application to join the league.

(c) Playground

The clean-up held on 26th November was successful, though the spraying of week surrounding the tennis club would need to be done in the Spring. The damaged bollards have been fixed by Nigel Overton at a cost of £235.

(d) Security light outside Green Room. This has also been fixed at a cost of £129 and also the school lesson alarm has been adjusted.

7. Meeting with Headmistress

Brian and Sarah had met with Bryonny and a county official to discuss the dual agreement with the School. The present agreement states that the stage, kitchen and green room are the responsibility of the S.C. It was agreed that the School continue to have the use and access to the kitchen as required. Committee agreed to scrutinize the new agreement when completed. Gerald reminded Committee that the building from the stage to the outside of Green Room had been funded entirely with Village funds and it was the ground only that had been leased from the Council.

8. Treasurers report

Brian reported a balance of £7878 in current account.

9. Burns Night, 4th February

Penny reported that tickets were selling well. The Guides have agreed to help with serving and washing up, though Ali thought that they need not be paid for the work? Jo agreed to supervise them and help with washing up. The recent Shindig had also been a great success and sell-out.

10. Any other business

Jo reported that the School is holding an event on the Friday, June 1st to celebrate the Jubilee. Committee did not think this would detract from the “Big Lunch” on the Sunday and parents and grandparents would support the school event also.

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Next meeting, Wednesday, February 29th at 7.30pm