

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 2ND 1997

PRESENT: Chairman Graham Parkes, Vice Chair Joe Kollar, Secretary Robin Lansley, Warden Jack Armitage and 6 members.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Eileen Bateman (Treasurer) and Yvonne Parkes.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

MATTERS ARISING Chairman reported that the business plan and application for Lottery funds had been sent and an application to the Allotment charity had been sent also.

FINANCIAL REPORT This was a written report as the Treasurer was unable to attend. There was a balance in funds of £83872-90. £1000 Ground had been paid Takings from the kitchen had been improving.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Acknowledgement had been received from the Lottery and the Allotment charity for our application for funding. Decision should be made in Spring. The building is beginning to show its age - fabric is deteriorating, doors and windows are sticking, the roof is leaking and there is probably only 2 years left for this building.

GROUP ISSUES. Question was raised why Marchwood and Totton had good buildings and we did not. This was because builders costs had contributed to their construction. In Hythe builders costs had gone into road building. Butts Ash was a building conversion. St. Andrews development was church funded although did get £120000 from the Allotment Charity. Baptist Church in Challenger Way had encountered financial difficulties and was not proceeding at present.

There may be a surplus of halls so we need to be competitive. In a new building we may need to reconsider our pricing. we need to maximise our position-weekends in particular. When parking charges are introduced we may need to review our policy.

Closure dates for Christmas. December 23rd - January 5th 1998

F draw had been completed and G draw will be drawn shortly. Sylvia Barton was to be thanked for her hard work with the draw which had raised £340 for the building fund. The organisation is now moved to the Association and is now open to the general public.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING March 3rd A.G.M.

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