

**Meeting of the Ashampstead Recreational Trust
held on 12th July 2022 at Ashampstead Village Hall
at 7.30pm, following the Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm**

Present: Les Billing (chair), James Bartlett, John George, Caroline Butler, Trudi Butcher and Graham Light

The following items were discussed -

1. Village Hall Updates:

Electrical Work – this is still outstanding. The contractors will be approached to see if their quote is still valid.

Replacement Gentlemen's Toilet – the toilet has been replaced and the walls will be repainted.

2. Playground Fence Quote:

A quote of £10,319 for a non-maintenance, powder-coated fence has been received and ART will need to raise the money for this.

3. Replacement Marquee:

This was bought in time for the Jubilee Celebrations.

4. ART Finances:

Over the year April 2021- March 2022, ART's total income was £18,475. After expenditure, which included hall refurbishment, hall maintenance, hall running costs, licences and bonfire outgoings, ART is left with a surplus of £7,368 for the year.

5. Jubilee Celebrations Update:

This was a very successful day and many people attended. Despite this not being a profit-making event, ART was left with a balance of £177.65 profit, which will be allocated to the playground Good Exchange fundraising effort.

6. Funding for the Playground:

It was suggested that ART allocate a budget of £27,000, to include a new fence, playground equipment (possibly including a new climbing frame and an adult multi-gym).

Residents will be given a link in the Leaflet if they would like to contribute to the playground fund which, hopefully, will be match funded and allow the Trust to improve the playground.

7. Future Fund Raising:

The following suggestions were made -

- . Village Quiz
- . Pub Nights to include food/entertainment
- . A Gigaclear event to promote Gigaclear services.
- . Gaming night for the youngsters with refreshments (probably pizza)
- . Silent disco
- . Village pumpkin challenge (in 2023)
- . Dahlia competition in September or October
- . Bonfire Night on the 3rd December

8. Trees and Undergrowth on Flower's Piece:

Yattendon Estates to be asked to cut back the undergrowth, which is protruding by about 3 to 4 metres onto Flower's Piece

9. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, 26th September 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 9.12pm