

Minutes of the meeting of Aldryngton PTA 18th January 2011

1. Present and Apologies

Apologies from Tony and Sarah Hanson, Peiqiang Wang, Justine Bark & Vicky Adams

Present Stephen Lea, Tanya Newell, Peter Kemm, Sheetal Tanna , Avril Kiff, Elaine Stewart, John Thompson, Graham Begg, Simon Feist, Simon Windisch, Melda Baxter & Siana Butt

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Quiz feedback: The numbers were slightly down, takings slightly down, but for the people who were there it was a good time

It was agreed that the minutes from the previous meeting were correct.

3. Treasurer's report

We have been spending beyond our means. The PTA has donated £4,000 more than in previous years. We had been accumulating money over the last two years but our minimum expected fund raising potential is the same as we were spending in 2009.

How are we going to plan our commitments, we need to spend an extra £3,000 to bring income to a total of £6,500.

What's happened is that we took the decision to fund the traversing wall for £4,000 and then we met the shortfall in budgets to £1,500 for sundry items plus a large sum for middle school laptops so we have had a lot more commitments than expected.

There may be other costs (£1,500 for a new robot pool cleaner that will need to be looked at). How much would we need to make next year to earn what we will spend?

Challenge Henley may be a money spinner but the school will make greater demands and we will have to meet them. We need to work out now what the spending from school will be next year.

The school expects a 1.5% cut on its income of £850,000 overall annual income (£12,750). Most of the school's costs are for salary.

Can we build the traversing wall surface ourselves? could save costs. A job for spring term. **Peter to look into this.**

We are about to pay £19,300 which includes two year's worth of swimming pool donations.

Teachers2Parents should appear on the bill. This will be looked into.

5. Funding requests

Beast Quest books £69.01 (Simon Feist has a spare box set at home, will donate as well)

Rye Hill preschool closure sale fund £100

Disco advance £150

These funding requests were agreed by the committee.

6. Maiden Erlegh catchment area proposals

There has been official PTA response to these proposals. Graham has however been in contact with WBC asking that the proposals be reconsidered. John mentioned that the ME preschool has done exactly the same.

Graham will also send a formal letter on behalf of the PTA. Putting the case for all Aldryngton children to be treated as a separate case.

There is a strong sense of resentment in the local area. The plans seems to be unfair, and to have been sneaked in during a quiet period.

After the 14th Feb they will have to process a huge amount of paperwork and combine it to present it to the forum who will then decide to proceed as proposed, to proceed with amendments or to put on hold. Then the executive will decide and perhaps there will be a challenge. Park ward will probably challenge.

Loddon are also unhappy with the proposal but they don't have the direct links that Aldryngton does. Aldryngton should be treated as a special case.

Maiden Erlegh governors also want special status for Aldryngton. They are in an awkward situation and will want to wait.

Better if the letter was on headed paper. **Graham to make PTA headed paper and send to WBC.**

Eight children are at risk next year, nine the next. It is unclear where the boundary will be. It will change over the years as people move within the new tie breaker area.

The sticking point for their proposal is the increase in traffic. WBC's modelling is bad.

Can we turn this public feeling into more support for the PTA. Can we encourage them to turn their enthusiasm for the school into enthusiasm for the PTA. **Graham and Simon to collect names**

7. Christmas fayre feedback

Raised £3,000, expenses £900 of which £300 is prize raw money.

In 2009/10 income was £2,500 and we spend £700, previous year income was £2,900, spent nearly £1,000.

We took an extra £120 for the commercial stalls, the Wii jump and the refreshments made more than last year. Xmas factor made £40. double Wii jump for next year.

Raffles generate a lot of effort perhaps generate more money for less effort.

The lottery stated the prizes included "others". The printers included this before we could delete it. We could have donated some general raffle prizes.

Lyn selling tickets have made things much easier for parents. Perhaps continue to make things easier through the internet or through an honesty box.

Next year lottery covering letter should say you don't have to buy them all.

Perhaps we should encourage people to sell to relations. We need to give them more time.

What worked well was gathering peoples names at the parents evening.

People were upset that the tickets were redrawn. We need to put phone numbers on the back of every ticket.

Do we do mulled wine on the door again? It was nice to be able to greet people as they arrive. This part of the fayre needs to be more efficient for next year, perhaps some children welcoming and

handing out programmes?

Some people said that santa left when there were still children who had tickets. We oversold tickets. In 2008 he carried on over schedule. The Santa slots were three minutes but it was going faster so we sold more tickets. Instead of selling timed tickets we should sell timed in 10 minute slots, and fit extra people in at the end of each slot

8. International evening Thursday 3rd Feb 6-8pm

Some children have been given specific tasks. They are planning fashion show between 6:00 to 8:00 **Need to amend PTA calendar (done)**. Also a rolling program visual display in the ICT suite. and a food room in Mrs Gregory's classroom.

We need a PTA refreshments table. Also some commercial stalls (**Peter to supply possible details**). **Graham, Peter, Simon Feist and Melda to run refreshment table**

9. Band night (rescheduled for next meeting)

10. Disco

The dates have been clarified between Justine and Elaine

Bringing people though field wasn't so safe. Perhaps a car with it's lights on. Or a light powered from the pool area.

Andy could rig up a light. Simon Feist has a portable generator. John Thompson also has access to lights. John and Simon Feist to confer.

Should we up the ante from glowsticks to necklaces with flashing lights. The average child comes with so much money. If we pre advertise the costs then children will bring the right amount of money. Do we buy 30 flashing lights as a trial?

11. Cake Sales coordinator

Melda Baxter and Siana Butt will be the new cake sale coordinators. Melda will approach the teachers to find out when they want their cakes sales to be.

12 Meet the PTA

The PTA could have named members available on the website for identification.

We should make a small picture and a sentence describing our connection to the school. Graham will prepare something and send out a "Meet the PTA" letter.

What about a table at the open evening? Should we wear badges?

Should we attend the new parent's evening – perhaps initiate a coffee morning with the PTA?

13 Pool club

We should have the pool run by a committee, have an open meeting on the pool, invite everyone. The byline should be "How are we going to move forward with the pool". We have had a volunteer to cover the promotion side of things, perhaps ask people "What stops you from using the pool?"

There will be a pool meeting on Tue 1st March

14. Challenge Henley

John has twelve teams including seven from John's work. PTA financial support will be for parents of Aldryngton only. There are nine Aldryngton parents involved. John is looking for another ten teams from his company.

We're looking at £600 donations. It's more about the challengers doing it for themselves rather than an opportunity to have their fee paid for.

Sponsorship will be on shirts, including the Aldryngton logo. John will do assessments every three months and tune the teams so that they finish within an hour of each other.

John wants to do a challenge at the back of the summer term with the children. This sounds like a good idea, we will support this but discuss it at a future meeting. John wants Upper school to be involved in organising it. There is a possibility of feeding it into sports day.

The money that comes from this needs to fund a specific project rather than go straight into the PTA funds.

15. Korky Paul

Simon Feist attended a Korky Paul event. For more information go to <http://www.korkypaul.com/schoo.html>. He introduces drawing to children. We could run this as a fund raiser? We need to contact him.

We have had story tellers and puppeteers in school before. This could fit in with the curriculum in the autumn term. Make it a combined authors event and link it to a promotional event at the Christmas fayre.

16. Sumer Fayre

No date yet. Do we combine it with a grown up style fair – possibly combine with band night as well.

Need to come up with dates.

Improve website **Graham to chase Gavin**

17. Date of next meeting

No committee meeting arranged yet.

Tue 1st March 7:30pm for a PTA pool meeting,