



Aldryngton PTA

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1. Present

Peter Kemm
Graham Begg
Stephen Lea

Avril Kiff
Elaine Stewart
Sue Beasley

Simon Feist
Sarah Hardman
Emma Dunn

2. Apologies

Simon Windisch
John Thompson

	Action
<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting dated 3/5/2011 were not available so actions from these minutes have been included in the minutes of 26/5/11. Blue text shows the minutes of 26/5/11.</p>	
<p>4. Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Talent shop cheque for £50 has been paid in. Text to Parents cost should read more like £350 as cost is spread over 2 years. Approximately £8000 has been committed.</p> <p>Try-a-tri donations: SF to provide names to SL to allow gift aid to be claimed. BBQ request from SW. School to buy from Argos. Approved.</p> <p>School swimming – voluntary donations stands at 35% to 40% (£1800). ES to send another reminder.</p> <p>Treasurers Report accepted.</p>	SF
<p>5. Newsletters</p> <p>School newsletter to be typically issued biweekly. PTA newsletter, where required, to be issued in intervening weeks. Comments were made on website and notice board options for school. ES to consider setting up communications team from parents on the “edge” of school to look at how communications to parents can be improved.</p>	
<p>6. “Try-a-Tri”athlon</p> <p>Key actions with respect to PTA meeting: ES to organize risk assessment with assistance from SF 25-30 volunteers have come forward via entries, with others, SF & PK consider that about 45 parents have agreed to help. Considered sufficient. Gazebos – PK to investigate quality gazebos in £200 range. Finish line photos to be charged at £1 each. Stock of photo release forms to be available in case school wishes to use photos for publicity. ES to inform Maiden Erlegh of additional cars, parents to be warned not to drive. ES to check if any sports person from Wokingham BC wishes to attend.</p>	PK SF/SB ES ES
<p>7. Summer Fayre</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ME bands are coming - plus Button Box choir - maybe Street Dancing, GB to ask Libby - Bottle tombola - Raffle, Tanya Newell to organize - Refreshments, GB to ask Erica Augusti - Parent's food stalls as per International evening? - Crowd please such as Zorbing (no) or Balloon Ride. GB to ask Oracle what they can provide. - Market Place – PK to provide GB with stalls from Xmas fayre. - Bar – GB to ask Mike McKenzie - Event Sponsor? – GB to try Oracle or Martin Pole - Event license for alcohol – SW to organize - Treasurer needs 2 weeks notice for Try-a-Tri and Summer fayre floats. 	
<p>8. Grounds Development</p> <p>The grounds development meetings are attended by SF and SH on behalf of PTA. SF and SH explained their great ideas – see Appendix A SF and SH to put estimates against their ideas so PTA can decide which to specifically support.</p> <p>From last minutes: Suggestion: parents to be asked to provide unwanted young trees from their gardens.</p> <p>Garden work parties to be arranged on more regular basis, say Saturdays from 10-12 monthly. GB to advertise and create list of interested parents.</p>	GB
<p>9. Traversing Wall Floor</p> <p>ES wishes to have solution which combined existing bushes with floor finish.</p> <p>Solution to be developed as part of grounds development plan,</p>	
<p>10. Pool Issues</p> <p>Minimum price of £48/£24 has been reached with 80 tickets sold. Tickets to remain open to new users, to contact SB if ticket is required. Cut off for balance to be end of first week of term (10th June)</p> <p>From last minutes: SB noted that pool club would remain open to anyone who has attended resus training for number of years.</p>	GB

<p>GB to identify classes from statistics where parents are not signing up.</p> <p>GB to send reminder on deadline next week. Actioned.</p> <p>Pool Hoover: after debate agreed to purchase Dolphin PRO.X. for robustness of model. But to ask about extended warranty, annual service and use of loan machine during maintenance.</p> <p>Put user guide and rules on website.</p>	<p>GB</p>
<p>11. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sports day, 13 July – PTA to help as usual - Leaver Party – Mon. 18 July. GB offer to help with BBQ - New Parents Evening – Wed 15 June. PK & SF to represent PTA 	
<p>12. Next PTA Committee Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 7 July 7:30pm.</p>	

Appendix A

Ideas for discussion at PTA meeting, 26 May 2011

SF and SH – Grounds Development Plan

1. The Outdoor Classroom

Providing a unique and inspirational teaching environment especially for topics including nature and the wider World. A large oversize chair will be the focal point with cut logs providing the seating for 30 children. Shading is provided by the established trees. This area will be divided along the line of existing small trees (plus additional) connected with planters.

This would require the removal of existing brick and wood benches and hard standing.

2. Art Wall

Four panels stretching between the Silverdale Road passageway and the established trees to be made into an outdoor 'hang wall' for children artwork. Wooden painted animal shapes, seasonal symbols, etc.

3. Tree seat surrounding single Monterey Cypress tree

Additional seating for this section of the field.

- 4. Interactive wooden boards**
Puzzle solving activities.
- 5. Display board showing wildlife living in school grounds**
Wooden stand showing the wildlife which visits the school grounds.
- 6. Green roof for gazebo**
Adding turf to the roof will make an environmental statement and provide a more interesting structure.
- 7. Large artist carvings of animals**
For example a ladybird, which children can also play on and around.
- 8. Recycled plastic benches**
To brighten up areas without any natural colour
- 9. Ivy wall in 'nature corner'**
Will provide a better environment for insects and bugs as well as providing a better back drop to this corner of the field.
- 10. Play activities for LS, near train**
Revamp floor activities with maze, etc.
- 11. Create shaded area near train**
Large parasols could be opened and closed as required.
- 12. Inverted tree art work**
Wash earth off of a tree and position upside down so the roots appear to be branches.
Helps demonstrate the tree growth that cannot be seen and help explain water uptake.
- 13. Nature corner comprising of log piles and stag beetle habitat**
Stag beetle carving. Logs sourced from Reading University
- 14. Hazel coppice along west boundary**
To cover patchwork fencing
- 15. Native hedge along west boundary**
To cover patchwork fencing
- 16. Sun loving climber behind planter on wall bordering the lonely bench**
Growth up a trellis.
- 17. Flowers, bulb planting**
To introduce colour into areas that will allow the growth of flowers.
- 18. Vegetable planters**
Growing area for produce.

19. Viewing panel planters (i.e. wormery, ant nest)

For location in shaded sections as heat from sun may deter movement near viewing panel.

20. Shopping kiosk next to swimming pool fence related boarding.

Might encourage creative play.

21. Play tables for LS area

Map of town, chess board, etc..

22. Musical instruments

Static frames housing musical instruments.

23. Footprints

Displaying wildlife tracks.

24. Painted playground surfacing

Refresh or renew current painted surface.

Pond

Populate pond with lilies to improve surface vegetation (approx 50%).

Introduce frogs.

Frog house with log pile surround

Introduce turf to allow the movement of frogs, etc.

Meadow grass along northern end of pond. Plug wild flowers for seasonal colour.

Stone pile. Using stones present as more of a feature and provide nooks and crannies for wildlife.

