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Curridge Residents'
Association

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8pm Wednesday 1st November 2017
held at WI Hall, Curridge

- **Welcome to all (Chris Cholmeley, Chair)**
- **Apologies for absence from committee members (Alix Edwards, Secretary)**
Apologies were received from Kirsti Murray.
Meeting attendees included Chris Cholmeley, Alix Edwards, Rob & Toby Crispin, Diana ffrench, Neil Wood, Lee & Katie Shoebridge, James Buckland, Len Stevens
- **Review of Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Jun 2017 (Chris Cholmeley)**
Minutes were accepted.
- **Any outstanding matters arising from the Minutes (All)**
Were covered as part of the Parish Council Update and other parts of the agenda.
- **Treasurer's Report (James Pryor, Treasurer)**
Our Account balance stands at £1,545.39 of which £62.66 is held in Petty Cash.
The balance can be attributed as follows:
 Parish Grant Funds £394.64
 Non Grant Funds £1,150.75
Our Chill & Grill event made £553.86 from which we donated £150 cash to the Curridge PTA from the proceeds of the Crockery Smash.
We incurred £56 of expenses for our Curridge Clean Up event.
We thank the Chieveley Parish for their continued support.
- **Parish Council update (Rob Crispin, Chieveley Parish Council)**
Planning appeal for Bluebell Stables is due at 10am November 22nd at West Berkshire Council, Parish Council representative will attend. It is an informal hearing, and result will follow probably several weeks later.

Extension of sand extraction to 2020 at Copyhold Farm was approved.

New councillor is Sandie Allen from Oare, and results were quite close.

No further update on Vine Cottage, and still no planning application.

- **Curridge Playground Trust update (Chris Cholmeley)**
The playground has now got two picnic benches and two park benches installed. There is a mountain of bark chippings still to spread. Grass is still a bit thin, but planning to re-seed again in the spring. Bay trees donated from Park Way Shopping Centre in Newbury make a nice addition and were gratefully received. Healthy balance for further development due to donations and Greenham Trust, so ideas are very welcome.
All members of the community are welcome to attend and use the facility.
- **Curridge Park Calor Gas Contracts**
Whole estate is now on same contract terms and duration, with a commitment that any newcomers will join the same contract. Can negotiate with greater strength, and this contract will last 2 years. Thanks to Rob Fisher for his hardwork.

- **Any other business**

Curridge Cheer

Sunday 10th December, 10.30-12.30. All welcome, no entry fee. Mulled wine and some activities.

Looking for: mince pie donations, volunteers to prepare and help on the day, some help to put up decorations the night before.

Meetings and event dates for 2018:

Tuesday 20th February

Tuesday 19th June

Tuesday 16th October

Summer Event – save the date for June 16th 2018. An event will go ahead, the format of which will be determined and advertised.

Clean up (litter pick) – Sunday 23rd September 2018

Curridge Cheer – Sunday 9th December 2018

Committee positions

All volunteers welcome to extend and join the committee to take on roles. For example a Social Media Secretary.

CRA Equipment

A small number of litter picking kits were purchased, and they can be borrowed by anyone who would like to help with litter picking in the village.

Grant Application

James to make the application.

- Meeting Close