Minutes of RCI meeting Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 8.00 pm held electronically by Zoom

- **1. Welcome:** The Chairman hosted the meeting explaining that Zoom was again required because of COVID cases locally.
- 2. Present (online): Michael Parkinson, Chairman (Mike), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Secretary (JW), Cilla Newsom (CN), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP),
- 3. Apologies : Laura Burrow (LB), John Hannon (JH), Martin Perry (MP)
- 4. Correspondence: None

5a. Minutes of the last meeting: Under Para 4, Correspondence, 'Community Room in the' should be added before 'shop'. The amendment was recorded and the minutes agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5b. Matters arising: Application for the Active Living Grant would not proceed this year.

The issues with footpaths had largely been resolved. Chairman reported that having checked on the County council website that the footpath map has 2 notices (64310 and 63381) marked on the map relating to the Tucks Farm footpath (WG120) which were in hand and being dealt with by the local authority. CN reported that the footpath across from the Newsom property to the postbox layby in Appley (WG11/15) would have a working party next year. CN had reported the problem to the local authority Footpaths Officer who had responded saying that the problem had been resolved this year because walkers had beaten down the crop. No maize was to be planted on the field next year, just grass crop but CN would keep an eye on it.

6.Accounts: The Treasurer submitted her report showing the RCI Account's balances as at 24th November 2021 as follows:

 RCI
 £202.59

 Active Living
 £957.72

 Youth Club
 £522.95

Total: £1683.26

Income had been received from Amazon Smile, Easy Fundraising and the Cookbook as well as donations from sales of books, produce etc in the Shop for which gratitude was expressed.

Following requests made to Parish Councils for support for maintenance of DeFibs and VETS, Stawley PC had paid £100 as previously reported. Ashbrittle PC had committed to paying £100 and a response from Bathealton was still awaited. (*The Chairman of Bathealton PC subsequently agreed to commit at least £100 pa*)

- 7. VETS: JW had nothing to report on VETS
- 9. **Reports:**

Lunch Club had restarted. It was suggested that a talk on SCAMS would be appropriate. Walking Group had still not met recently Oil Group - continues to thrive Walks Project – NTR **Arts Group** – now to be called the Arts and Craft Group to reflect the extension of activities. Meetings would now be on first Wednesday of each month at Ashbrittle Village Hall, rather than weekly, and were starting on 1st December.

- 10. **AOB:** Youth Group: LB will continue to follow up offers of help after promoting it in the Parish News.
- 11. **The next meeting** is to take place on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 at Rose Cottage, Appley

The meeting closed just as Zoom communications broke down but the Chairman subsequently confirmed the next meeting date.