

**Minutes of RCI meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 8.00 pm  
Held electronically by Zoom**

1. **Welcome:** The Chairman hosted the meeting which again needed to be by Zoom because of current circumstances.
2. **Present (online):** Michael Parkinson, Chairman (MiP), Pauline Wood, Treasurer (PW), Judy Webb, Secretary (JW), John Hannon (JH), Cilla Newsom (CN), Ann-Marie Paterson (AMP), Laura Burrow (LB) joined the meeting at 2045 hrs.
3. **Apologies :** Martin Perry (MP)
4. **Correspondence:** None except an enquiry to MiP from Suzette Williams about a Pavilion Notice Board and the possible costs. It transpires that there is discussion about the Playgroup and the Pavilion and JH was requested to consult with Cath Rose about any potential issue. *(LB, who joined the meeting later, would also report back)*

JW had received details about the Prince of Wales Award, presented at the Bath & West Show, for which the RCI had made application 2 years ago. The award had been cancelled for the past two years because of Covid and lockdown but we had been invited to re-submit our application. JW undertook to re-write and submit a revised application in the light of recent events and circumstances.

**5a. Minutes of the last meeting:** The Treasurer drew attention to the fact that the annual accounts had been omitted from the previous minutes but they could be re-submitted and included in this meeting. The minutes were therefore agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**5b. Matters arising:** Following discussion at the previous meeting about footpaths, it was reported that posts and rails had now been installed along the path through to Tucks Farm making it much safer.

PW reported that a new tenant had now been found for the Shop and negotiations for the handover/takeover were currently underway.

**6.Accounts:** The Treasurer submitted her report showing the RCI Account's balances as at 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 as follows:

RCI	£462.59	
Active Living	£957.72	
Youth Club	£522.95	<b>Total: £1818.26</b>

Bathealton Parish Council had now paid a £100 contribution towards the costs of DeFibs and VETS but the Ashbrittle contribution, although agreed, remained unpaid.

The RCI annual accounts for the period 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021 had now been audited by Derek Sowden and were re-submitted and are attached. The balance summary is as follows:

RCI	£428.86	
Active Living	£957.72	
Youth Club	£522.95	Total: £1909.53

Derek Sowden was thanked for his work on auditing the accounts and the Treasurer was thanked for her work on maintaining them.

PW commented that the previous 20% rebate on rate relief was no longer automatic and application had to be made; the resultant amount rebated could be anything between 0% and 20%.

- 7. VETS:** JW reported that VETS was still running as a general helpline and she would recommend to Community Heartbeat Trust that it should continue this way. Pat Sweet was thanked for her conscientious regular testing of the system.

- 9. Reports:**

**Lunch Club** had restarted in November but the increase in COVID cases locally meant it had been cancelled in December and January.

**Walking Group** was still not meeting regularly although some group walking had taken place

**Oil Group** – next delivery was on 9 February

**Walks Project** – MiP will check up on leaflets

**Art and Craft Group** – is up and running but, with Village Hall rent now being £20 per session, a minimum of 5 people is needed to cover costs. It would now meet monthly on first Wednesday rather than weekly. LB undertook to promote the group through the school network and she asked about the possibility of a 'Mosaics Session' which PW would consider. This was essentially a 'Self Directed Art Group' and PW would put out a reminder by email when it was meeting.

**Youth Club** – LB had not had much response to her request for volunteers but she would coordinate a youth event during the Easter holiday.

- 10. AOB:** JW wished to promote the Concert, 'Havin' a Larf!' with Steve Swan, Chris Britton, Phil Moore and others which would be held in the Pavilion on Saturday 30 April. Funds raised would be for Rossholme School in Kenya.

**JH** asked about plans for Jubilee celebrations in June. It is probable that each village will organise its own street party or similar with a bigger event to take place in the Pavilion in the evening

- 11. The next meeting** is to take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Stawley Shop preceded by the AGM at 7pm.