

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Gorfin Hall Management Committee

Notes of the meeting of the Gorfin Hall Management Committee held Via Zoom at 17.15 on 24th August 2020.

Councillor Frank Cullis	(Chairperson)
Councillor Tony Woodward	
Councillor Bruce De Saram	
Andrea Smale	Sunshine Nursery
Lisa Bowman	Town Clerk
Julie Gregory	Finance Officer

Apologies

Councillor Steve Gazzard	
Councillor Brian Bailey	
Paul Bartlett	Sunshine Nursery

Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Frank Cullis welcomed members to the meeting as Chairman, apologies were given.

Notes of the meeting held on 24th February 2020

These were agreed as a true representation of the meeting held on 29th June 2020 and were signed off by the Chairman verbally.

Update on Broadband.

JG advised that she had contacted Jurassic Fibre, who are running a scheme which involves the free installation and running costs of Broadband for a year to Community Centres as a way of saying thank you to the Community of Exmouth for the disruption caused during the installation of Fibre Broadband. Two options of installation were available 1) Overhead using the Western Power Distribution poles, but to ensure clearance they would need to add a pole extension onto the building or 2) Underground works which would involve digging up the pavement. It was agreed unanimously to go ahead with the underground option. JG to contact Jurassic Fibre and give them the go ahead, once a date has been arranged JG will contact the Allotment Association to advise them of the work taking place.

Update on Service Lane

LB is waiting for information from Devon County Council Highways as to who has ownership of the lane, more in depth work is needed and LB will provide an update at the next meeting. LB explained that Jurassic Fibre had been along the lane and cut the hedge right back so there was now open access to the Allotments, on speaking to Jurassic Fibre they informed LB that they had received authority from DCC to carry out the work, LB is waiting on clarity of this. The Allotment Association

are not very happy as it means that anyone can walk onto their allotments. Progress will be reported at the next meeting.

Update on Solar Panels Smart Meter

JG reported that the original contract with EDF Energy was set up as a large user due to the type of meter originally installed, EDF are not be able to fit a smart meter at the present time, as they are working on small businesses and residential users. They have recently set up a new department and JG has expressed interest electronically in having a smart meter installed, as soon as they start to make appointments we will be contacted.

FC asked about the maintenance of the Solar Panels and after investigation JG found that the panels do not require any maintenance.

Update from Sunshine Nursery.

AS gave an update. Things were going very well, and government guidelines were being strictly followed. September admissions were slower than usual, but they were doing a visual promotion and are hoping that the numbers will start to pick up. Cleaning is still taking place at the end of each day by the Nursery staff and the main cleaner is cleaning twice a week also. The outside space has proved to be a saviour as most of the day is spent outside therefore minimising the risks associated with Covid 19. They were hoping to receive funding from the government to help with the situation. But things are very positive, and they are very happy to be back.

Any other Business.

There was a discussion about the possibility of opening the hall to casual users, LB explained the government guidelines on this and that we would be unable to manage the social distancing of the users, and the extra cleaning costs would outweigh the hire income. It was agreed to discuss again at the next meeting.

Due to Covid 19 the main gates were left open during the day and the allotment association locked them at 7pm each night.

It was determined that the strip lights in Gorfin Hall had been changed to LED lights in August 2019, therefore they meet the energy efficiency criteria.

Date of Next Meeting 24th August.

Agreed that the date of the next virtual meeting will be 19th October at 17.15.