

were high charges for technical lighting. It was also noted that two hire groups benefitted from discounted hire rates that could have generated £8,663 extra hire income in 2012/13 if A rate customers had been able to book the facilities. The two hire groups represented at the last meeting would be informed that quotes were still awaited and that a decision could not be taken without the required information. The Chairman had attended an Awards For All briefing and thought a funding opportunity may be available for the groups if they wished the parish council to work with them.

ACTION

Asst Clerk
5/4

Hirers
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7. Bar Stock Report.

The report and trading analysis was noted by members.

8. Heating Replacement.

Members noted the opportunity to obtain a new heating system for Arden Hall and **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk, supported by members of the Grant Working Party, should make an application before the 30th April deadline.

Clerk
24/4

9. Pavilion Decorating.

Members noted that the Clubroom walls had already been partly painted by staff and, following discussion, it was suggested that the entrance corridor should be painted. The Clerk undertook to investigate this with staff.

Clerk
10/4

10. Residents' Concerns.

Members noted the information circulated and Cllr Hiley reported incidents he had witnessed of vehicles parking on grass verges. The Parish Council was endeavouring to address the issues at the Village Green but other parts of the parish were being damaged and there were serious risks to pedestrians who were forced to walk in the road. **IT WAS AGREED** that the council should write to the police and the Borough Council to urge they take a joint initiative to address the problems, using all powers available to them. It would be helpful to clarify if it was a criminal offence to completely block the pavement and perhaps to raise awareness of the consequences of indiscriminate parking through an article in the local Gazette. It was hoped that enforcement measures could then follow.

Asst Clerk
19/4

11. Working Party Reports.

Cllr Mrs. Allen reported that the Open Spaces Working Party had recommended that stakes be put in to support the peace tree at the Village Green, some dead branches be cut off the broom growing in the rose bed by Bradford Road, that the council tidy up the two ends where people walk across the corners of the bed, a post be installed to secure the gate open in the Garden of Rest, the entrance slabs there to be leveled and possibly extended, new saplings in the Garden to be replanted elsewhere (perhaps donating some to the Solihull MBC conservation area at the rear of Brownsover Close). The Clerk said an additional post was also needed for the entrance gate by Hodnell Close.

Clerk/OS
Supervisor
17/5

12. Clerk's Report/Open Spaces Report.

The Clerk reported that the removal of moss at the tennis courts had thankfully started that day due to a slight improvement in the weather. Drainage in the park had been monitored and this ground surface, together with other open spaces, were improving slightly now that the snow had thawed. There was a backlog of youth football fixtures due to the extremely poor weather and midweek fixtures were now being organised, in line with the pitch agreements. An enquiry had been received for an out of season tournament and dates provisionally agreed, with Warden support for line marking. It had not been possible to meet the Cricket and Sports Club due to holiday commitments but she was hopeful of agreeing a date to meet with the new cricket captain instead as she required team player information to process booking confirmations for the pitch. The Club Secretary had provided a copy of a letter she had requested which helpfully had enabled her to trace information from 2007 to seek

legal clarification. A new mobile phone had been arranged for the Park Wardens, although this had been problematical with faulty equipment and still not completely solved. She had reviewed the contact information for disposal of hazardous waste and re-issued the memo to all open spaces staff, Hall Manager, Chairman of Council and Committees (for emergency reference in her absence). Information had been received about re-tarmac of some footpath areas but a breakdown had been requested to help prioritise the works. The new memorial bench had been put in by a Warden at Bradford Gardens and the family pleased by its timely installation, although delayed due to weather and problems. An enquiry had been made regarding the parking consultation at the village green and she had arranged a meeting for the following week. She hoped that Wardens would conclude the agreed preliminary works to improve access by the Small Green before the end of the month. The time for the defibrillator meeting had been brought forward slightly and members reminded they were welcome to attend. Sad news on several bereavements had been received that day and condolence letters would be sent to families.