

STRINES RECREATION GROUND

Notice of AGM Tuesday November 9th at 7.30pm

At Strines Pavilion

AGENDA

1. Previous Year's minutes
2. Accounts for 2020
3. Management Committee Report
4. Election of Officers
Present Trustees: Mel Smith, Sean Hodgkinson, Stuart Bertenshaw, Michael Hart

The above agree to stand for re-election.

5. General discussion

MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR AGM 2021

As you will know this was a 'lost' year. All meetings and services were suspended with consequent loss of income. We did, however, receive a grant of £10,000 from Stockport MBC which helped us to continue our improvements.

Millponds:

Work on the millponds amounted to £5000. This included a new coded access gate, tree felling, landscaping/groundwork and providing a separate access to the History room. ***See attached photos.***

We are now ready to start re-planting, seeding and tidying up and are looking for volunteers with help and suggestions; hoping to open for residents use in spring 2022.

Maintenance:

A new air conditioner was purchased for the Pavilion for £2,832.

Work was carried out on the stream and path around the field (which needs further work) at a cost of £1,400. We are hopeful that this will reduce flooding which has been causing erosion to the path.

A commercial mower was purchased for £3,000 second-hand from New Mills Council, to cope with the increased amount of ground maintenance which now includes mowing the village green, pavilion lawn, new football pitch and millpond areas.

Restoration of the Park was a major investment and expense by the charity. The cost was £12,240 but will be in the 2021 accounts.

Communication:

Attendance at the AGM over the past few years has been poor. We feel that more use could be made of the website to keep people informed and provide a forum for ideas. We have a membership email group and a WhatsApp site. Residents registered can then access the SRG link on the website. The website was changed after the covid restrictions to allow users to log in and book the pavilion. This has proven very successful and efficient in managing booking. Some clubs are hosted on the website too.

Constitution:

The constitution requires a complete review to reflect the changes that have occurred over the years. Some of the content is no longer relevant and some parts need to be updated. The constitution will be reviewed during 2022 by the trustees for review at the 2022 AGM.

Membership and Financing

The majority of the finances come from the annual money collected by HML Group from residents.

A discussion of how the money is collected in the future, maybe via membership scheme is required.

Also, money is made by renting the Pavilion.

Fishing:

The ponds are used by New Mills Fishing club who pay £750 per year as a block fee. They have stocked the ponds over the years. We could also have a Strines Residents Fishing Club if there was sufficient interest. The fishing at present is poor due to predators and invasive pondweed. We intend to tackle the weed problem as a matter of urgency next year thus enabling us and NM club to improve the stock levels.

Events:

At present we have a children's Christmas party, Halloween, Strines Fun Day and a separately run folk festival. These can now go ahead again. It seems a pity that our facilities are not more utilised. Any suggestions and support would be welcome. We have lost our village shop/post office and probably both pubs so there is a need to provide a focal point for the community.

Support:

In the past most events were run by the community, especially by parents who had young children. The children for these volunteers have now grown up in most cases, so we need to attract more parents that have young children to assist with events. The charity has lots of potential in many areas and additional support with new ideas will be beneficial.









