



Bourne Freemasons Club (BFC)

Meeting at the Masonic Centre on Tuesday 10th May 2022. Meeting Opened at 19.00 hrs.

PRESENT: Ian Bratley (Chair), Ian Greenfield (Vice Chair), Nigel Lindley (Secretary), Graham Allen.

APOLOGIES: M. Sofianos, Roger Thorpe, Stuart Rodgers, Mike Dench

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed attendees.

MINUTES: The Minutes of Previous Meeting were formally agreed and signed. IB has uploaded them to the BFC Website for viewing.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence (email) has been received from WBroK Peck on behalf of the Aslackby Preceptory, regarding the progress on the building of their storage cabinet, the positioning of their warrant and honours board in the temple and the positioning of the preceptory banner which, unlike other banners, cannot be kept in a permanent frame given that it is required during various ceremonies.

This was discussed and it was determined that it is the responsibility of the Trustees as to the siting of said items and the construction of the storage facility. In the meantime, the shipping container has been cleared and swept and can be used for storage.

MATTERS ARISING:

Treasurer:

Chair informed the committee that, since our meeting of 29.03, Mike Sofianos had reluctantly resigned as Treasurer of the Bourne Freemasons Club. His resignation, prompted by personal reasons, was reluctantly accepted.

Chair confirmed that the proposed changes at HSBC had not yet been actioned and BFC clearly needs a treasurer to continue with the proposed changes.

Various names were put forward, but there is no clear candidate, which may necessitate a circular to Lodge, Chapter and Preceptory secretaries advertising the position.

In the meantime, NGL will contact Michael Perkins requesting historic bank statements and any other paperwork which will be of use as we move forward.

Capitation Fees:

Capitation Fees are now due and IB (Chair) will contact the respective Treasurers and Secretaries to remind them of the requirement for payment.

Hiring Fees:

As posted previously, BFC is still seeking a person/s to oversee the hiring of the Masonic Centre. As we do not currently have a Treasurer to deal with the invoices to hirers, it is BFC IB (Chair) is to communicate with the Secretary of each Lodge to advertise further for a suitable volunteer.



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Key Holders:

Chair will request a list of Masonic Centre Key Holders when requesting payment of "022 Capitation Fees.

Note from previous meeting: All Masonic Centre Key Holders are to be identified prior to appropriate security measures being put in place - this should include informing the local police and fire service of key holders should entry be required

Bar Fridge:

Carried forward.

Action. Peter Flint

Safety Officer:

Carried forward – TBA. Checks and testing of the Masonic Centre to be diarised and funded accordingly, while other H&S work should be brought to the committee as required.

Car Park Resurfacing:

The work has been completed.

New BFC website:

The Chairman confirmed that the Bourne Freemasons Club website was now 'up and running' with documents being uploaded for viewing- archived documents, policies and procedures, rules, and bye laws plus other information relevant to Bourne Freemasons Club. As mentioned in previous minutes, this will be password protected where necessary (already in place).

Bar - Security Grill

Carried forward - *at our March meeting it was suggested that the bar area be made more secure, perhaps by use of a grill and this will be carried forward pending a full review of the entire bar area, its layout and use - the replacement fridges also fall into this (see above).*

Action - Ray Brooks.

Defibrillator:

Carried forward -*It has been noted that the defibrillator requires instructions for use. As BFC is to re-establish numerous operational procedures, this will fall into that category and will be dealt with in due course, but without undue delay.*



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Hall Booking

The Chairman confirmed that Hirers have been informed of the booking clash on June 11th, 2022 (the Masonic Centre has been booked for a Provincial event). It was also confirmed that the various secretaries will be contacted requesting assistance with the bar etc. on the day.

Any Other Business:

Vice Chair: – confirmed that, as previously mentioned, the shipping container has been cleared of rubbish and tidied. The disability scooters that had been stored unused and unclaimed (5 years) are to be repaired and sold by CherryHolt Mobility with the possibility of a donation to BFC being made should they be sold at a sufficient profit?

Vice Chair: – suggested that the robing room was now crammed and perhaps some of the chairs could be either disposed of or stored elsewhere?

Action -Chair and Vice Chair to discuss.

It was also reported that there are a number of old books in the shipping container – a 'provincial library'.

W Bro Chris Taylor (Secretary Hereward Lodge) is writing to Province to determine whether they require them? If they do not, we may need to store them elsewhere and the roofspace at the Masonic Centre might prove suitable.

Vice Chair: – IG is to sort the chairs in the centre to ensure that all chairs are being used on a rotational basis. The rubber feet will also be replaced where necessary.

Utility Services.

BFC is to review the cost of energy and water services and the Trustees approached to determine the responsibility of payment for said services as it is not currently clear.



On the basis that there being no further business, the Chairman thanked all attendees, closing the meeting at 20.15hrs



These above minutes are a true and accurate record of the discussions and resolutions passed at the meeting on the 10th May 2022 and that the attendees and their committee positions/roles are as stated.

Signed

Chair

Date

Signed

Secretary

Date