

1st PARK STREET SCOUT GROUP

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at the Scout Hut on
14th April 1986 at 8.15pm.

Present: Liz Cummins John Hurley Mike Cox
 Martin Dadswell Mike Flack Steve Rees
 Richard Johnson Christine Abington Mike Turner
 Anna Cox Sam Cottingham

Apologies: June Henderson

1. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record and signed.
2. Matters arising:
 7. Jobweek - the Scouts had taken part with some of the older Cubs. This was agreed last year following expressions of concern from some parents. So far, 7 Scouts have handed in £70.
 7. Graffiti - There had been no new graffiti recently. Steve volunteered to scrape the glass in the boys toilet clean and repaint it.
 7. Parking - There is nothing illegal about cars parking on our access driveway. Liz Cummins will mention it again to PC Jenkins. Mike Turner will compose a note to stick to windscreens pointing out the danger of restricting the width for emergency vehicles.

3. Fund raising:

Martin Dadswell reported that the following had been raised:

Jumble Sale	£115, despite the bad weather.
60's Revival	£250
Spring Fayre	£ 81-50 (with 15% to go to village hall) plus £5 for goods sold afterwards.

Martin reported that at the Spring Fayre anticipated problems with the Webb Ivory cards had not arisen and that most money had been raised from re-cycled Jumble.

Martin also pointed out that all the raffle prizes for the 60's revival had been donated by the Fund Raisers. It was agreed that prizes shouldn't come out of their pockets - Liz suggested that we periodically ask for unwanted gifts as prizes (say, just after Xmas). We could also ask at the AGM and use good items coming in for jumble sales.

Forthcoming events:

Lads v Dads football	19th April 86
60's Revival	September
Jumble Sale	October
Sponsored Walk	Waiting for Steve to sort out a route taking in enough suitable hostelryes.

4. Treasurers report:

Cash in hand	£35-97	Current Account	£542-24
		Deposit Account	£472-62
Capitation Fee		£338-40	already paid
		£300-00	to be paid in May.

Money received:

Birch Cubs Subs	£40-00	
Scout Subs	£48-00	
Venture Subs	£ 9-00	
Homewood School	£93-00	
Women's Club	£35-00	
Total		£225-00

Bills paid:

Electricity	£99-75
Heating Elements	£90-00
Water rates	£63-62

Bills expected April/May:

Van Tax and Insurance
Performing Rights Society
Hut etc. Insurance
Rates
Young Mariners Base

Mike Cox asked if it will be worth our while installing a water meter: Mike Flack agreed to investigate.

Mike Flack also to ensure that our insurance cover extends to the Portakabin and its contents.

5. Grass Cutting:

Mike Flack reported that the contact we had used last year had had his equipment stolen but had no plans to replace it. Liz agreed to contact Len Syddall at the District Council, to see if our grass can be put on the Council's rota.

6. Tents:

These had been repaired by Scout Shops Ltd. for £27 each. Mike Cox was suspicious of what had been done as this is very cheap. The tents are on their way back to the Harrow Scout Shop for collection. A list of tent repairers used by Scout Shops was coming with them, as Scout Shops Ltd. no longer offer a repair service.

It was agreed that Steve will purchase a selection of tent pegs (metal and wooden) to the value of about £10.

7. Minibus:

John Hurley had very recently received the information on spare parts for sale by the 5th/13th Group.

Top half front wing	£25
Bottom half front wing	£25
Exhaust pipe	£25
Battery (new a year ago)	£20

These prices seem a bit dear, seeing the parts are no use to them.

It was agreed to keep the van on the road for this year BUT a sub-committee to be set up with the following brief:

- a. Likely usage and costs - Cubs/Scouts/Ventures
- b. Whats involved in keeping it running for this year
- c. What to do with it after the year

The sub-committee will consist of John Hurley, Sam Cottingham, Mike Turner and Richard Johnson.

8. Venture equipment:

After some discussion it was agreed that the Venture Section would look after all lightweight equipment and equipment which could be classified as backpacking or specialist.

It would be kept in the Portakabin: Mike Cox has fitted hasps to the cupboards. Mike Flack to ensure cover by our insurance.

9. Painting the Portakabin:

The Ventures have arranged a date to paint the Portakabin. The paint colours are dictated by the planning consent. There is some heavy rust on one of the rear structural members which will require treating - Martin Dadswell has some suitable primer.

10. Barbeque:

Mike Cox suggested building a brick barbeque for use by the Group as a whole, including fund raising events. Generally agreed as a good idea. Burston Nurseries advertise suitable kits for £50 - this was generally felt to be a rip-off. Bygraves are having a closing down sale which will probably include barbeques. Tony Tearle has sort of volunteered to do the base and brickwork - to be asked if he will. Mike suggested that we put the barbeque between the kitchen door and the fence, so that we don't have activities spoilt by local yobbos and it is convenient to the kitchen. It was felt that the neighbours would object if we hire this facility out.

11. Hut cleaning:

Mr. Joiner has agreed to take over the Hut cleaning from Steve. Steve was thanked for doing it - several people have commented on the improvement in cleanliness. Mr. Joiner will carry out the cleaning at the weekend - Anna Cox asked that he be informed of weekend usage.

12. Any other business:

- a. The hut is in use for elections on May 8th. Brownies, Guides and Homewood School to be informed that the hut will not be available to them on that date by Mike Cox.
- b. Martin asked if the outside light could be wired so that it stays on when the hall lights are off for discos etc. Mike Cox will arrange this. It is not as straightforward as it appears.

- c. It was agreed to pay Mike Flack, Richard Johnson and John Cox the difference between the cost of the training they are presently undertaking and the County Council Grant. The grant approval letter to be shown to Christine, since the approved amounts are all different!
- d. Anna Cox raised the question of Hut charges, since she feels she pays more than any other section or the Guides (who are tenants). It was agreed Christine and Mike Cox will look into the charges we make on tenant users. It was agreed that there is no real alternative to the per capita charge we make on our own sections though perhaps this has not always worked properly.
- e. Richard asked if the fund raisers should be given some idea of what the money they raise is for. A lot of it is for general running expenses and can be gleaned from the AGM accounts. It was agreed to make a priorities list for the AGM. Everyone to bring suggestions to the next Exec. meeting.
- f. It was agreed to fill the minibus tank with petrol.
- g. Liz said that she realised that this meeting was exceptional with June Henderson being ill, but our meetings were becoming very unbusinesslike. She wanted the agenda agreed well before meetings took place.
- h. Date of next Exec meeting: Monday 19th May. This meeting will be primarily to receive the van report, to make a priorities list and sort out the AGM agenda.
- i. Date of Annual General Meeting: Monday 2nd June, 8.15pm.

Action list:

2.7	Clean gents toilet glass	Steve
2.7	Parking note	Mike Turner
	Parking - talk to PC Jenkins	Liz
3.	Sponsored Walk route	Steve
4.	Investigate water meter	Mike Flack
4.	Portakabin Insurance	Mike Flack
5.	Grass Cutting/Len Syddall	Liz
6.	Tent pegs	Steve
7.	Van report	Van sub-committee
10.	Barbeque - approach Tony Tearle	Anna
12.a	Elections - inform users	Mike Cox
12.b	Outside light wiring	Mike Cox
12.d	Review Hut Charges	Christine/Mike Cox
12.e	Priorities list	All