

PTA AGM MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 14th October 2021 9.30am

Present: Amanda Blank (AB) Kayleigh Williams (KW) Anne Field (AF) Rachel Field (RF)
Caroline Pound (CP) Rachel Williams (RW)

Apologies: Alice Harrison (AH)

Committee introductions and elections.

All current Officers resigned and re-elected again this year with no objections.

Chair – Kayleigh Williams nominated by AF and seconded by RW

Treasurer – Anne Field nominated by RF seconded by AB

Secretary – Rachel Field nominated by AF seconded by KW

Update and sign PTA constitution

KW proposed we add an annual review sign page at the back of the constitution. All agreed
Constitution was signed by KW and witnessed by RW who also signed

Account and banking – Spends and donations

Period from 01/09/20 to 31/08/21

The PTA started the year off with £599.92 in the Current Account and £2854.14 in the Reserve Account.

AF read out her treasurer report

We were still in the middle of the Covid 19 Pandemic at the start of this accounting period although the school had re-opened with full Covid 19 Health & Safety rules in place which was a great relief to all. The PTA arranged for the West Midlands Children's Theatre to perform in the absence of a visit to the pantomime. A fun time was had by all.

The PTA arranged a pumpkin hunt around the village with full social distancing rules. We asked our lovely villagers to put a lit pumpkin in their windows for the children to find and finish at the old shop where Jane Moore gave them some well deserved sweets. £130 was raised.

It was touch and go whether or not we'd be able to have a Christmas Fayre but the Parish Council had faith in us to organise a Covid safe and socially distanced walking market. This was a great success with £659.91 raised in total. We had stalls up and down the high street including a second hand toy stall, a Christmas wreath stall, Father Christmas in his Grotto behind the Red Lion pub, throwing snowballs to know Santa off his chimney and many more. The church was also open selling turkey and cranberry baps and a few craft stalls were under cover in the church too.

RW asked the PTA to purchase LEGO WE DO for the school which we did at the cost of £898.78.

Easter was the next big event for us, we were granted permission to use the wood along Lawn Lane for an Easter Egg hunt which was a very enjoyable few hours in the spring

sunshine. We arranged a few different Easter activities which could be done at home. In total we raised just under £100.

KW had a fabulous idea of asking the children and villagers to write down their Lockdown in Cheswardine experiences resulting in the printing of a wonderful book to be handed down the generations.

School asked if we could fund the purchase of plants to make a school garden, which we did, of course, and paid them their expenses of £158.31.

Through Bags 2 School we raised a total of £369 with a collection in October and March.

We paid for year 6 to go to Alderford Lake for the day to play on the aquapark. They thoroughly enjoyed it.

Towards the end of the year the school asked if we'd be able to fund an inspiring project of having a mural painted on the front outside wall by local artist Rory McCann. The total cost would be £1000 so RF contacted local businesses and organisations to ask if they would sponsor it. Everyone contacted was so generous and kind and the £1000 was raised for Rory to paint it in the first week of the autumn term. The donators were:

Cheswardine Parish Hall, Red Lion pub, Cheswardine Hall, Hales Saw Mill, J Hamer Roofing, Venables Oak, IEC Solutions, Cheswardine Community Shop, Cheswardine PTA and some materials donated by Cheswardine Parish Council.

We ended the year with a healthy £977.76 in the Current Account and £2854.42 in the Reserve Account. Bearing in mind that £650 of this was donations for the mural to be painted in September.

Current account – £977.76

Reserve account – £2854.42

AF confirmed that the accounts for 2020/2021 have now been audited by Jacqueline Webb.

Accounts are held by AF and can be viewed by arrangement.

KW and AF are still the signatures on bank account.

Insurance and lottery licence

Insurance through Parentkind is due in January AF to sort, Lottery licence is up to date.

Fundraising Target for 21/22

Discussed the fundraising target, we all decided on £3000 - £4000

Discussion took place about doing another Fedfest as it was such a success this year, it was decided we would speak to Hinstock PTFA and see what they think, either another Fedfest next year or each school do their own thing next year and we look at doing a combined one the year after.

School wish list and regular spending

- Sensory area for inside, to include a tent and sensory items. AB to look at prices and come back to us, suggested as main fundraiser for this year.
- Outdoor Benches/ picnic Benches, KW to speak to Hales see what they can do.
- Umbrellas and bases

- Musical Instruments sets around £300. All agreed they could purchase these immediately
- Leanne had a wish list and would like £250 to spend on sensory / exploratory toys for Nursery, All agreed Leanne could have £250 immediately.
- Class 1 would like some buckets and cleaning materials, all agreed yes.
- Top up for cooking and art materials.

Fundraising events and ideas

- Bags to school – 18th October 2021
- Halloween disco – 29th October 2021 Selling tickets
- Christmas Walking Market – 4th December 2021 12pm-4pm Cheswardine Parish council meeting on 19th October to give us the go ahead. The church will have stalls as well as a Victorian market in the Parish hall.

RF will do a plaque for the mural to thank all who donated. Will contact the newspaper to take a picture.

AB and RW thanked all PTA volunteers for all their hard work, as it is very much appreciated.

KW has set up the PTA to be part of the easy fundraising site,

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cheswardineprimaryandnurseryschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more The link is also on Cheswardine chat on Facebook.

KW and CP to represent PTA on the board of management for the Parish hall.

The PTA email address is pta.cheswardine@gmail.com if you would like to join the PTA or have any suggestions or donations.

KW Thanked all for attending and ended the meeting