

**Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council.**

**Held virtually on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 19.00.**

**Present.**

Councillors J Kennedy (Chairman), R Locke (vice chairman), P Fisher and T Holbrook.

**Also Present**

Councillor M White, Sarah Kitchener (Clerk and RFO) and 1 member of public.

**81/08/20 Noted Apologies for Absence**

No Absences.

**82/08/20 Approve the Committee Minutes of the Previous Recreation Meeting.**

Approved by Councillor J Kennedy and all unanimously agreed that the minutes be approved as a true record.

**83/08/20 Variation of the Order of Business.**

No Variation of business.

**84/08/20 Declaration of Members Interests.**

No declaration of members interests.

**85/08/20 Committee items for Discussion/Action/ Update.**

1. **Parish Hall Christmas Lights.**

See report, appendix 1 **RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor J Kennedy to cancel the Parish Hall Christmas lights with Erewash Borough Council and to purchase the lights from Festive Lights ( as have been used before), seconded by Councillor R Locke and all unanimously agreed. Clerk to inform Erewash and purchase the lights.

2. Deans Drive.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor P Fisher, seconded by Councillor R Locke and all unanimously agreed to put this project on hold (due to the funding that's required) and to re-evaluate the need for the MUGA as the Ashbrook Centre has one a field away.

3. Update from the Christmas meeting with the Ashbrook Community Group.

- Coop have agreed the date.
- The Royal Oak have agreed the date
- Going ahead with the Christmas celebrations, but will cancel nearer the time if need to, due to COVID.
- Toni and Josie are starting to organise Borrowwash.

**86/08/20 Date and Time of Next Meeting.**

The next Recreation meeting will be called when it is required.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 19.20

**Appendix 1**

**Report into the Replacement of Christmas Lights for the Parish Hall.**

**Introduction.**

Ockbrook and Borrowwash Parish Council take part in Erewash Borough Councils Christmas light scheme. This is contracted out to Leisure Lights who supply the lights and install them for our Parish hall and the two trees in Borrowwash.

Leisure lights have informed Erewash that our hall Christmas lights are beyond economic repair and need replacing, we have been asked to contribute £400 to the replacement lights.

Do we need to continue with this part of the contract now that they are asking for a contribution towards the lights or do we buy and install them ourselves?

## **Findings.**

Quote from Leisure Lights:

14m String of icicle lights

2x 5ft Christmas trees

2x 100 lights (for the trees)

2x 5ft natural tree

Total cost £390 + VAT

Plus, on top of that there is the installation cost of £161.40 each year.

Looking at two website (one being where we got the lights for the Christmas tree in Ockbrook) I have found similar lights to the above quote

### **10m Outdoor Christmas Tree Berry Fairy Lights, 100 LEDs – From Festive Lights website.**



**£14.99**

- 100 LEDs in warm white or red
- 8 different functions
- Dark green cable
- 5.1m lead cable
- Perfect for outdoor trees
- Plug included

### **Outdoor LED Icicle Lights, Connectable, Black Cable – from festive lights.**



**£71.99 for 15 metres**

- 192 LEDs per 5 metre length
  - Indoor & outdoor use.
  - Connect up to 40m (with medium power pack).
  - 8 light functions with memory.
- Part of our 24v connectable range

Would need to purchase a power pack at £7.99

**Simply LED Fairy Lights- from Christmas direct website**

Bulb Colour: Warm White Bulbs  
Item: 100 bulbs - 15m  
Product CodeSimp100-WARM  
Price£15.99

**Icicle Lights – From Christmas direct website.**

Power Cord Option: Mains Power  
Bulb Colour: Warm White Bulbs  
Line Cable Colour: Clear Cable  
Item: 500 bulbs - 15m - 50cm  
Product CodeHRICICLE15500WWCC  
Price£86.39

We already buy in real Christmas trees, last year we were charging £15.00 per tree.

I have also spoken to Wayne Peapell about installation of our own lights and he is happy to do that for us.

**Conclusion and Recommendations.**

Looking at the above figures we could buy and install our own lights and trees, possibly looking at about £250 savings. Plus, the extra £161.40 for them being installed each year

It is my recommendation that we no longer include the Parish Hall in the Christmas light contract.

Sarah Kitchener

Clerk and RFO

31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

