

**MARESFIELD CONSERVATION GROUP**  
**Minutes of Meeting of the Executive Committee 18th August 2021**  
**Held at 19:00 Lampool Lodge, Maresfield**

**Present**

Jo Lawrance, Chairman (JL)	Rob Penfold, Member (RP)
Dick Thompson, President (DT)	Alex Clarke, Member (AC)
John Smith, Treasurer (JS)	Jacqui Royal, Member (JR)
Stan Sadowski, Membership Secretary (SS)	Bruce Milton (BM)
Ian Shaw, Member (IS)	

Tom Merchant, MCG member, present for Agenda Item 1 only.

**Apologies**

Stephanie Bassett, Minute Secretary.

**Item 1. Underhill Bridge Parapets**

TM & SS presented the situation, so far. It will be essential to establish:

- 1) Support of East Sussex Highways
- 2) Who would be responsible for maintenance
- 3) Where liability will rest in the event of legal action.

It was agreed by all to support the initial efforts and the following actions were agreed.

Establish a rapport and re-open discussion with ES Highways.

Action: JS

Canvas local support.

Action: SS

**Items 2 and 3.**

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

None declared.

**Approval of Minutes of 7th July 2021**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be adopted.

**Matters Arising**

The proposed noticeboard of historical sites around Maresfield is an ongoing project. C/F

As yet there is no further information regarding the possible funding of some chairs for the Pavilion on the recreation ground.

**Item 4. Treasurer's Report**

JS provided the following detail of movement in the accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 15th August 2021:

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Membership subscriptions	£1,939.00	Admin - Stationery	£ 375.00
Gift Aid (from last year's subscriptions)	£ 500.17	Admin - Miscellaneous	
Parish Council Grant	£1,000.00	a) AGM letters	£ 116.70
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£3,439.17</b>	b) AGM hospitality	£ 92.60
		c) AGM village hall hire	£ 10.00
		Village maintenance -	
		(Maresfield in Bloom)	£ 231.00
		Donation to Church	£ 500.00
		Footpaths (Strimmer cord)	£ 28.00
		Web hosting	£ 111.75
		<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£ 1465.05</b>
		<b>For period to 15th August 2021</b>	
		<b>Excess Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 1,974.12</b>
		<b>Bank balances at 15th August 2021</b>	<b>£10,940.07</b>

## Item 5. Website and Membership Update

Year	Paid-up Member Households
2019/20	184
2020/21	140
(2 August) 2021	112

Efforts to increase membership will be carried forward for discussion later in 2021/22.

SS reported a new search facility has been added to the website, allowing word searches for anyone looking for information.

The Draft 2021 AGM Minutes are now published on the website.

## Item 6. Forthcoming events.

Quiz – March 2022 – continue to plan for.

C/F November mtg.

Village Clean Up – continue to support.

Winter Supper – no plan to continue but Summer Supper should continue.

C/F September mtg.

Christmas Tree – planned for 11th December. MCG committed to supply and decorate tree as usual.

Action: RP

Bee Project – original plan postponed. Reassess for 2022 JR to liaise with SS.

C/F

## Item 7. Footpaths Group Update

JS reported a lot more is being achieved now.

Dog fouling is a hazard on many paths and perhaps should be brought to the attention of the community.

A budget of up to £250 was approved for a new hedge cutter as the old ones are not repairable.

## Item 8. AOB

JS asked if MCG would consider supporting efforts to improve the appearance of the Church car park. It was agreed to start an informal discussion possibly including the Village Hall Committee too.

The 1840 Booklets will be reprinted by Quarry Printing. A larger print run may be ordered depending on unit costs.

Action: AC

The MCG containers put out for Maresfield in Bloom will be tidied up or cleaned away.

Action: IS & RP

Register the new MCG Constitution with the Charities Commission.

Action: RP

Speak to the manager of The Chequers about a location for MCG meetings.

Action: BM

Date of next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Future meetings will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The meeting closed at 20.41.