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Minutes of Meeting

15th April 2026 7:30pm

The Royal Oak, Okeford Fitzpaine

Attendees

Jasmine Young (JY)

Sophie Hibbard (SH)

Louise Croton (LoC)

Leanne Pearce (LP)

Lindsay Curry (LiC)

Tash Bartlett (TB)

Apologies

Jo Newton (JN)

Lille Smith (LS)

Agenda

1. Movie Night, Mother's Day Sale and Bingo round-up
2. Father's Day
3. BYB Plans
4. Forest School
5. Rocket Assembly



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6. Three Okeford's Rally
7. Plans for Summer Fundraising
8. DBS Checks
9. Sports Day
10. AOB

1. Events round-up

- Feedback from the movie night was positive. £91.74 raised.
- Bringing snacks and drinks into the classrooms worked well
- Suggestion that a whole film for the younger children was a bit much and next time maybe episodes would be better.
- Mother's Day Sale was a success, especially as all items were donated so all money raised was profit. All children, irrespective of the amount of money they had, had an opportunity to choose a present for their mum.
- Suggestion to run a hands-on workshop for the children to make gifts next year. e.g. candle making
- The Bingo was a real success. 69 players including villagers and school families. £694 raised.
- Too much alcohol bought for the event, but excess sold at cost, so no funds lost.
- Another Bingo would be easier to organise, as we have the equipment and a better understanding of the quantities needed to run the event.

2. Father's Day

- Similar to Mother's Day Sale. There are some items in the cupboard that JY and SH will go through on 8th June.
- Proposed date of sale 18th June. SH to check with school.
- Ideas for extra gifts include: book swap, iced cookies, painted stones

3. BYB Plans

- Paul from BYB is finalising plans with the school.



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- There have been more generous anonymous donations. Budget is now £400.
- Paul has sourced some materials for free.
- Suggestion of a weekend morning for a group of volunteers to help with project. Bacon rolls to be provided by the PTA. Several school Dads have been volunteered by their partners already! Date TBC following plan finalisation.
- Suggestion to contact the Shillingstone Gardening Club for possible collaboration.

4. Forest School

- The quote for a term of Forest School is £2,880 for 12 weeks. This is one day a week and would include a full day and a lunch club. A (paid) after school club would also be available.
- The grant to cover this was rejected for unknown reasons.
- There is an additional cost of £850 for a “kit list”, however, £500 donated by Apex Carpentry, and there are items on the list we can source easily at little to no cost.
- General feedback to Forest School was unanimously positive amongst parents.
- JY suggested running Forest School for a term funded by the PTA and if a success then parents could be asked for a donation if there aren't enough funds to cover it. To be discussed with AW.

5. Rocket Assembly

- AW approached by a company who provide a rocket assembly, including launching a rocket on the school field.
- Three options costing £300, £500 and £750
- General feeling was the £500 option was the best given the activities on offer.
- LS to have a look at the budget to see if this is feasible.
- A good alternative to a pantomime trip as no coach costs involved.



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6. Three Okeford's Rally

- Volunteers needed to man the gates at the Three Okeford's Rally on 16th-18th May. Free tickets available for volunteers. LS to confirm if these are day or weekend tickets
- Large donation to the PTA last year for doing this.
- Agreed that a 'sign-up' sheet should be put by the school door to allow people to pick their shifts.
- Communication in the newsletter about this on 24th April. Also need to communicate that, unfortunately, children are not allowed to help.

7. Plans for Summer Fundraising

- JY proposed we have an **ice cream sale** after school on a Friday.
- Starting in May (date TBC and weather dependent) and to happen every fortnight.
- SH to check freezer space in school.
- **Doughnut sale** to be held before half-term around 20th/21st May – SH to check date with school.
- JY would like to hold a “**Games Night**” (not a fete) in mid-July (date TBC) on the school field, for children and families (parents to stay).
- Games (e.g. football, rounders, parachute, tug-of-war) on the field for families to play.
- Timings likely 5pm-7pm.
- Fundraising activities such as teddy tombola, face painting (Miss Ryan), coconut shy and hook-a-duck were suggested, and these can be allocated out to volunteers to organise.
- Food – BBQ to be cooked by volunteers. To be discussed with AW. Ice cream etc, for sale by PTA.
- **Summer Bake Off** to be arranged for mid-June – date TBC, similar format to Xmas Bake Off as this was a success. Bake sale held at the end of the day.

8. DBS Checks

- A lot of the current DBS checks held by parents of older children.



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- Need some new volunteers with DBS checks. Teresa to pick some KS1 parents for new DBS checks.

9. Sports Day

- 29th June. PTA to provide ice lollies.
- LS to purchase.

10. AOB

- **Bike Shed** – Nearly complete and kindly built by volunteers using donations from local businesses. Once complete, communication to go in newsletter. SH to contact Blackmore Vale to see if they will accept an article and to spread awareness about this and the BYB jungle class garden.
- **Lambing Bingo** – Suggestion by LoC to play lambing bingo next spring. Involves a local farmer numbering their sheep to see who lambs in which order. Great idea that the children will enjoy and involves the local community and teaches children about farming.
- **Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest** – TB made us aware of this and will investigate to see if we are eligible for a grant.
- **Wonka Bars** – JY suggestion for future fundraising. Chocolate bars sold and wrapped with some golden tickets. Children who get a golden ticket can choose a raffle style prize.
- **Frothy Friday's** – JY idea to hold a coffee 'shop' for parents after drop-off on a Friday. PTA to sell tea / coffee and sweet treats to parents. A way to fundraise and recruit new PTA volunteers. Possibly source a pod-style coffee machine. Bring your own travel cup. Free coffee for the teachers. To be discussed with AW.



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