

PTA AGM - 7.10.09
CHANTLERS PTA AGM MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2009

Present:	Mr M Cardwell	Mrs H Archer
	Mr J R Pashley	Mrs K Morrison
	Mr M Bolton	Vicky Myers
	Mr M Owen	Airish Arkley
	Mr J Hamer	Mrs W Hamer
	Mrs S Pitt	Mrs H Haworth
	Mrs D Chamberlain	Mrs H Bennett
	Mr S Bewley	

Apologies:	Mrs J Coles	Mr P Copeland
	Mrs K Jones	Mrs W McMurdo

1. Welcome and Election of Officers

Mr Pashley welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Pashley thanked the officers and members of the PTA for their hard work throughout the year. He briefly explained to the new members the purpose and benefits of the PTA and the events that are organised by the PTA. Mr Pashley asked Mr Cardwell if he was happy to continue as the Chairman of the PTA, he agreed, was proposed and was re-elected. Mr Pashley then handed over the meeting to Mr Cardwell to continue re-election of the PTA officers.

Mr Cardwell informed the meeting that, as his daughter is currently in Year 6, this will be his last year as Chairman and invited anyone to come forward if they wished to consider this role so they could work alongside Mr Cardwell over the year to ensure a smooth transition.

Election of officers:-

Mr Bewley was proposed and re-elected as Treasurer.

Mrs Archer was proposed and re-elected as Secretary.

Mrs Pitt was proposed and re-elected as Catering Manager.

2. Chairman's Update

Mr Cardwell welcomed the new members to the PTA meeting and briefly explained how important the PTA fundraising is to the school in providing the funding for extras for the children that otherwise perhaps would not be met by school funds. He encouraged members to get involved as much as possible for the benefit of the children and the school.

Mr Cardwell then handed over to Mr Bewley for the Treasurer's Report.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mr Bewley handed out copies of the Income and Expenditure Statement 2008/2009 and the amounts raised by individual events, bank reconciliation and donations given to all present at the meeting, which is self-explanatory. We await the generous donation from Barclay's and we have recently received a cheque for £220 for the Bags2School. The current PTA bank balance is in the region of £5,500.

4. Proposed Purchases

Mr Pashley asked for the following to be considered for purchase:-

- With the completion of the new Reception extension, Mr Pashley proposed that an area could be planted out in the new outdoor play area. Mr Pashley suggested improvement in the quality of the soil so that this could be planted out. The possibility of planting a tree was also suggested to provide shade for the children in the summer months. He also proposed the purchase of planters, various plants, bark and stepping stones for this area. The cost of this was thought to be in the region of £805.
- Theatre visit to school on 13 November 2009 - £650.

The above proposals were discussed and agreed by members.

- Mr Pashley also proposed that an extension be considered to the new reception outdoor play area. Whilst the extension is obviously new, this could not be considered as part of this build. The long-term proposal for this extension would be to enable the purchase of climbing equipment etc.

This was discussed and agreed in principle.

5. Future Events

- **Friday, 23 October 2009** - Non-Uniform Day. Charge £1.
- **Friday, 27 November 2009** - Bags2School.
- **Wednesday, 16 December 2009** - Infant Disco 6.00 - 7.30 pm. Entry £2.50, which will include a drink, a bag of sweets, visit to Santa's grotto and a selection box. Mr Bolton has agreed to be Santa again.

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- **Tuesday, 19 January 2010** - Junior disco - 6.30 - 8.00 pm. Entry £1.50. Sweets and drinks will be sold on the night.
- **Thursday, 18 March 2010** - Easter Egg Bingo, Elton Vale Sports Club.
- **Saturday, 15 May 2010** - Plant sales. Mrs Coles has kindly agreed to organise this fundraiser again.
- **Sunday, 13 June 2010** - Summer Fair.

6. Any other Business

Mrs Morrison raised the issue of the 6/7 picnic benches that have been purchased for the infant and junior playgrounds that require positioning in the relevant areas. It was proposed that a working party could be set up to undertake this task over a couple of Saturday mornings. A letter will go out to parents nearer the time asking for help.

A brief discussion took place regarding the plant sale and the possibility of putting together hanging baskets for sale. This was thought to be a good idea, but would need volunteers to make up the baskets and some co-ordination on how the orders would be processed.

The possibility of re-cycling mobile phones was also raised. Mrs Morrison does re-cycle several other items and felt it was possible to re-cycle mobile phones as well.

A discussion took place regarding the production of calendars this year. It was decided that a photograph colour calendar would be produced this year similar to the one produced a couple of years ago. Vicky Myers would possibly be able to arrange to photograph the children and will look into the printing costs etc. She will feedback to Mr Cardwell and Mrs Archer.

Mrs Haworth also raised the possibility of online shopping for various stores that goes through a website that raises money for schools. Mr Cardwell will look into this as it was felt with the Christmas shopping period coming up this could raise funds for school.

Mrs Bennett discussed the forthcoming choir event at the Town Hall in December. It was proposed that the PTA could provide a raffle prize. All proceeds from the raffle are donated to school. This was felt to be a good idea and perhaps a purchase from Argos could be made, as for the summer fair.

A discussion took place regarding the Easter Egg Bingo and the use of an interactive bingo machine. These can be purchased from EBay for £12. Mr Cardwell will look into this and we will perhaps try this in view of the problems we had last year with the faulty machine.

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14 January 2010 at 7.30 pm **at the Bolholt Hotel.**