

Thriplow School PTA minutes

Meeting: 8pm on 11/11/2021 on Zoom

Attendees:

Paul Joghee (Chair), Meghan Bonner (Deputy Chair), Dave Aston (Treasurer), Helen Joyce (Secretary), Matt Wells, Kelly Austin, Lucy How, Jayne Pashley, Michela Bennett, Rebecca Wilkins

Apologies: Stephanie Dods

Finance updates

DA confirmed we now have 2 card readers which have been tested and set up using SumUp, to take payments directly to the PTA account. The PTA confirmed they would make sure gift aid details are collected in person when taking donations through card donations.

1. MB and PJ to get the online form in place for the school (and After School Club) to make requests for PTA funds.

Playground equipment and grounds

The PTA have been supporting the school to improve the outdoor space. MB summarised the progress with play equipment quotes, to consider trim trails and other options for the playground and field. A mural is expected to be in place in time for Daffodil weekend.

2. The PTA agreed to pay for shingle, to complete a 'clear up day' job for an outside drain.
3. Next Clear up day plans to be discussed at the next PTA meeting

Use of PTA funds

Thank you to RW for the research into science workshops which the PTA are keen to pursue. LH confirmed the teachers would be supportive of special to provide a fun, learning experience. Parents are keen for workshops or clubs relating to science, sport and drama.

A request was made by teachers for the PTA to help supply better cooking equipment including a mobile oven. Currently teachers bring in equipment from home when running cooking activities in school.

4. MB and RW to confirm the arrangements for potential events
5. LH to find out what type of mobile oven and other cooking equipment would be appropriate.

Thriplow ball (or new event!)

MB and PJ (both on the ball committee) gave updates on the current approach to the event, given the existing outlays the PTA have already committed to.

6. MB/PJ to bring an update at the next PTA meeting
7. MB to organise the event insurance.

Fundraisers & Events

The gin tasting event will be held on the 12th November, where the new card readers will be tested. The movie night is proving to be popular with 60+ tickets sold. KA and other volunteers are kindly organising the catering and tuck shop. The PTA discussed advertising online and in newsletters in

Thriplow and surrounding villages. The Hamper and Quiz in particular are fundraisers which we intend to advertise outside of the school

8. HJ to organise the funds to the PTA with Pinkster following the gin tasting event.
9. DA to organise a float for the tuck shop at the Movie night.
10. HJ to organise a poster for the Christmas hampers and set up a page on 'Give as you Donate'. Raffle tickets for the hampers can also be sold at the nativity.
11. DA to organise a renewal of the lottery licence to run the raffle.
12. MB to organise mince pies and mulled wine to be sold outside the hall for the Nativity event.
13. JP and RP to run the Christmas Quiz.

AOB

- An update from the Governors was passed on to PJ by SD. The PTA were made aware the governors are keen to raise awareness for the school within the community.
 - LH confirmed that the numbers attending the After School Club have picked up. The governors and PTA are keen to support this facility.
14. LH will connect the After School Club organisers to the PTA (ideally to the online form) to find out how support can be channeled.
- The PTA discussed issues with parking and suggested ideas to reduce environmental impacts of cars stationary with engines running and general parking congestion.
15. LH to ask the Eco squad to look at producing posters and bringing awareness to impact of engine idling.
 16. HJ to add include an agenda item (in next meeting) to explore some of the ideas for dropping off children.
- MB provided a Cornerstone update, as we are now expecting plans to be through by the next PTA meeting.
 - KA made a recommendation for a parents painting workshop with the support of a Year 3 parent
17. KA to pursue the parents painting event to be held in the New Year.

Dates of PTA meetings

Date	Venue
Friday 14 th January 9.15am	School Hall
Thursday 3 rd March 8.00pm	Zoom
Friday 29 th April 9.15am (AGM)	School Hall
Thursday 16 th June 8.00pm	Zoom