

PDMS AGM THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2022

I remarked at our last AGM that by the time of this AGM we will be thinking about Covid 19 as a bad dream – it turns out that although it isn't over – and of course won't be over until the fat lady sings – we can start to relax and hope that the worst is behind us. Although I am aware that some of our family members contracted the disease and that some are still suffering from 'long Covid' I have not been told of any members being taken seriously ill.

You are aware that we have lost one important member of our team and it is right that we should just reflect a moment to remember the great service done for us by our late treasurer Roy Burson, who died suddenly in April last year. He had no financial background but set up our bank accounts and accounting methods from scratch. He felt that in taking on that responsibility he was supporting our project in the best way he could. and he spent hours making sure that all was well and shipshape with our accounts. Roy lives on in our Shed as, following a request from his widow Nikki, we cleared out his garage and consequently many of his tools are now in use by us. I am grateful to our new treasurer Peter Stuart for stepping into the breach – more of which later.

Covid and various lockdowns and restrictions on socialising meant that we had to close over prolonged periods during the year and additionally several of our members needed to isolate because of underlying health conditions of their own, or of a close family member. This resulted in reduced activity and of course reduced income. However, there is always a silver lining and because of a quirk in our listing with SNC Rates Dept as a 'small business' we were able to claim various government grants which went into our war chest towards building our new Shed. Despite the restrictions we still managed to operate and function as a repair shop for our community with many household items fixed, a fantasy duck house floated and a mini crazy golf course delivered to a care home to mention just a few jobs we have undertaken. You should be in no doubt that our Shed and what we do is held in high regard by our community.

During a lull in Covid restrictions we were able to use money from the Handlesbanken Fund and we had a coach trip to Sutton Hoo and then to Woodbridge Long Shed to see the building of the replica Saxon long ship using the impression of the hull found in the burial mound at Sutton Hoo. I know I found the trip worthwhile and fascinating and that many of you did too. Once we are straight in our new Shed I have a plan for us to do more such educational trips – perhaps to Lowestoft Boat Building College – other suggestions welcome.

Peter Stuart has been doing sterling work not just on our finances but also on applying for and obtaining planning permission for our new Shed and he will tell you more about the money we have in our coffers but I thought that, as several of you seem to think that I don't do anything at our Shed, I would gently point out that since we formed in 2014 I have personally raised more than £134,000 for our Shed through applying for grants. This takes hours of conversations, meetings, form filling and all very often without success. The latest grant is from Norfolk County Council Sustainable Infrastructure Fund – which together with the money we have squirreled away – means we can build our new Shed.

Getting our new Shed to this stage has also involved many conversations with the Parish Council, District Council and other organisations including The

Welcome Home Memorial Fields Trust and a national body called Fields in Trust. I am grateful for their interest, enthusiasm and support for our Shed project and for giving their permissions which have led to us being granted a 21yr renewable lease at a peppercorn rent on the former bowls green.

I started having discussions with the Parish Council in January last year about having the use of the Bowls Green for a Shed and this was followed by discussions at the Barn about the form that the new Shed could take. Martin Fry produced a plan on the 8th January '21, which apart from having to forgo part of the design, as we couldn't afford it, bears a remarkable similarity to the design we are now having built. It wasn't until the 8th of October that I learnt that I had been successful with the NCC Social Infrastructure bid and we still had not got permissions from the Parish Council or Fields in Trust or obtained Planning Permission plus the NCC Social Infrastructure Grant had stipulations that it should be spent as soon as possible. Putting it mildly we have been under pressure and had to get our skates on and some things have had to happen back to front. I am aware that some of you feel that you were not consulted enough. In truth, a Shed is a Shed and the external shape was formed by the size of the bowls green and the size of our grant and the increased cost. Just over a year ago we started off thinking that a new Shed would cost about £20k to build but Brexit/Covid and inflationary pressures plus Building Regulation requirements mean it will now cost nearer £120,000, which is a breath taking sum of money and so it is incumbent upon us to make as good a job as we possibly can.

Whilst the external layout and infrastructure of the Shed has been decided that is not the end of the project by a long way. A shed building is not a Men's Shed – that is dependent upon what happens inside it and what the members contribute. It will be up to you, me and us to make the interior of the Shed into a workshop and to transform the existing Bowls Club building into our Shack, making it suitable to house an office, coffee spot and a loo. We also have to attend to the grounds and make vegetable gardens. There will be more than enough to do. With a fair wind and input from us all we should be up and fully functioning in time to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Most of the work in getting us to where we are with our new Shed has been carried out by Peter Stuart who has and still is negotiating with contractors, SNC Planning Dept and Building Control. Every day brings a fresh challenge – only yesterday following changes in rules and regulations whereby National Power would charge us £15k to connect to the mains electricity supply – we were negotiating with the Parish Council to link up via the Pavilion. I sincerely thank Peter for all the work he has done and is doing on our behalf.

None of your trustees have expertise in the matters we have had to deal with and every day has been a new challenge – however – with the good will of everyone involved we have pulled together a remarkable project that will benefit us and our community for decades to come.

Henry Gowman

Chair of PDMS

Poringland and District Mens Shed (charity reference 11715640)

Accounts for the period from 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021

Income

See Notes on Income below

	2021	2020	
Members Donations	£1,365.57	£1,273.41	1
Virgin Money HMRC etc	£1,342.37	£1,788.99	2
Other Donations	£532.79	£1,149.00	3
Grants and Awards	£109,908.09	£12,774.06	4
Income from Projects	£2,010.56	£1,700.00	5
Boot Sales and Fetes	£140.00	£188.00	6
Asset and investment sales	£192.00		7
	£115,491.38	£18,873.46	

Notes on Income

- 1 These are lower because of Covid restrictions at start of 2021 (most can be used for Gift Aid)
- 2 Includes Gift Aid of £274.09 from HMRC for donations made in 2020
- 3 Donations not eligible for gift aid
- 4 Includes Special and Major Grants for shed purchase plus interest
- 5 Various small repairs plus Drama flats and Village notice board
- 6 Miscellaneous sales of items, boot sales, fetes etc
- 7 Sale of unwanted tools

Expenditure

See Notes on Expenditure below

	2021	2020	
Rent Heat Elec & Insurance	£1,310.57	£5,897.04	1
Office and Admin	£39.00	£50.77	2
Comestibles and trips	£877.50	£40.40	3
Materials & Consumables	£122.93	£151.53	4
Specific Project Spend	£1,113.20	£1,385.00	5
Small Tools < £25	£49.93	£22.00	6
New Shed Fees	£822.00	£501.00	7
New Shed build costs	£16,468.00	£391.00	8
	£20,803.13	£8,438.74	

Notes on Expenditure

- 1 Insurance was £799.35
- 2 Covers web site and Mens shed association fees
- 3 Coffee and milk etc
- 4 Miscellaneous items such as sand paper discs & belts, screws and glue etc
- 5 Includes money spent on Crazy Golf project and Brooke Notice board
- 6 Replacement saw blades etc
- 7 Planing application and building control (Clarion Tools in 2020)
- 8 Includes deposit for new shed structure (Covid specific in 2020)

Surplus Income over Expenditure **£94,688.25**

Total Funds at end of 2020 **£21,645.72**

Total Funds at 31/12/2021 **£116,333.97**

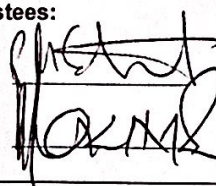
Location of above funds at end of 2021

Held in old account	£5,916.17
Held in new account	£110,381.62
Held in cash box	£36.01
Held in old deposit account	£0.17
Total	£116,333.97

As checked by independent auditor and signed by trustees:

Peter Stuart Treasurer

Henry Gowman Chairman



Date 2/08/2022

2/08/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

FORINGLAND MENS STED

On accounts for the year
ended

31 / 12 / 2021

Charity no
(if any)

11715640

Set out on pages

Signed accounts for period 1st Jan 2021 until 31st Dec 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

July 29th 2022

Name:

STEVEN ASPIN

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

C.I.P.F.A. —

(if any):

Address:

Section B DISCLOSURE **Disclosure** Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.