HOLDING TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022

For as far back as I can remember there have been 3 holding trustees. The three trustees at present are Vivienne Cottam, Ronnie Thornton and myself Diane Taylor. We are responsible for the playgroup building but also take a keen interest in all aspects of playgroup's life. We attend committee meetings and as we have been trustees for many years are able to provide continuity when discussing playgroup matters and historical issues.

The maintenance of the building is ongoing. The trustees carry out an annual inspection each summer to highlight any general maintenance issues. Last summer, a number of issues were identified resulting in higher than previous years maintenance costs:

- A leaking roof which had been an intermittent problem for a number of years. Lead flashing was replaced, new PVC light oak facias to the front and back of the lantern facing sides, timber frames within the lantern treated with preservative, exterior glass resealed within the lantern area, ridge tiles re-bedded, cracked/split ridge tiles identified and repointed.
- Leaking and sagging guttering and worn facias. The guttering was replaced and the facias replaced with PVC oak boarding.
- Inadequate lighting in the main room. 4 lights were upgraded to LED.
- The playground gate was rotten. A new gate was made and fitted and the carpenter also carried out repairs to the bike shed. He advised it was not viable to repair the smaller shed and this will need replacing at some point in the future.

Following the annual safety inspection report of the out door play equipment, 3 upright posts for the sandpit canopy were found to be rotten. Potton Timber, who originally made and donated the canopy approximately 15 years ago, agreed to supply 3 new posts at no cost but they were unable to install them. Finding a contractor to install them proved problematic but over the summer the repairs have been completed and it is hoped the sandpit construction will provide many more years of shade for the children.

Other general maintenance over the past year has included re-gluing and sealing the metal strip in the children's' toilet doorway, resealing a section of the veranda matting, trimming the willow and hedges and power washing the outdoor safety surface to remove the moss.

There are on-going projects, which include replacing the trim trail. Some of the timbers were found to be rotting as flagged in the last safety inspection report. The existing trim trail is nearly 20 years old and it's replacement is a priority subject to finding sufficient funding. The trustees are also considering how best to provide more shade in the summer and more shelter in rain/windy weather, but these are ongoing projects, again subject to funding.

The trustees would like to thank Cindy and all the staff for their fantastic work over the past year which has not been easy post Covid. The brilliant Ofsted inspection report is a testament to the staff's dedication and hard work to make playgroup a wonderful place. Our chairman, Heather Pearson also deserves our thanks for steering playgroup through difficult times during the past 2 years, supported by members of the voluntary management committee.

Lastly Ronnie and I would like to thank Viv for her hard work and enthusiasm during the past 17 years as a custodian trustee; her tenacity to find reliable contractors to carry out the numerous maintenance and capital projects, her literary skills helping to revise and redraft playgroup's constitution and her vast experience in education assisting with staff appraisals and involvement in the recruitment process for a new manager in 2018. We are sad to see Viv leave this role as trustee but look forward to working with Patrick Turner who has agreed to join playgroup as a new trustee.

Diane Taylor
September 2022

GREAT GRANSDEN PRE-SCHOOL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

		2022	2021	NOTES
Fees (incl grants & lunch)		138,653	137,416	0.9% increase
Events		42	150	
Fund Raising		1,933	1,055	
Misc		108	995	
		140,736	**139,616**	0.8% increase
Wages	Staff	115,654	94,225	22% increase
	Cleaning Wages	2,050	1,325	
	Admin Wages	5,596	4,874	
Utilities		4,599	2,903	
Education		6,614	4,464	
Equipment		0	97	
Fund Raising		156	232	
Office		9,566	4,985	
Sundries		1,273	1,216	
Maintenance		10,510	6,989	
		156,019	**121,310**	28% increase
				27% excluding maintenance
NET EXCESS / (DEFICIT)		**(15,282)**	**18,306**	

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Opening balance	**100,761**	**81,864**
Adj to opening balance**	(28)	
Excess / (Deficit)	(15,282)	18,306
Interest received	232	591
Closing Balance	**85,683**	**100,761**

Represented by

Current account	17,990	33,300
Nationwide 1 yr Saver (1)	10,859	10,813
Nationwide 1 yr Saver (2)	10,919	10,873
Cambridge BS savings	45,914	45,775
	85,683	**100,761**

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Onecom payment 31/3/21 not included in either year accounts

GREAT GRANSDEN PRE-SCHOOL
Year ended 31st March 2022

Current Account

Balance B/f	27/03/2021	33,300.15
Income		140,736
Expenditure		(156,019)
Onecom payment 1/3/21		(28.04)
Balance C/f	27/03/2022	**17,989.66**

Nationwide 1 year saver (ex NSI)

Balance B/f (NSI)	31/03/2021	10,813.16
Interest		45.87
Balance C/f	31/03/2020	**10,859.03**

Nationwide 1 year Saver (ex Fixed Rate Bond)

Balance B/f	31/03/2021	10,873.25
Interest		46.13
Balance C/f	31/03/2022	**10,919.38**

Cambridge Building Society Savings account

Balance at	31/03/2021	45,774.60
Transfer		
Interest		139.83
Balance C/F	31/03/2022	**45,914.43**

Bank Reconciliation

Balance as per statement at 31/03/22	17,989.66
Less U/P cheques at year end	
Add U/P receipts at year end	
Balance c/fwd	**17,989.66**
	0.00

Cash Summary

Current & Savings b/fwd	100,761.16
Total Income	(15,050.62)
Onecom payment 1/3/21 not included	(28.04)
Total Cash C/f	**85,682.50**