

Steventon Players Committee Meeting
Thursday, 4th October, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Marilyn Wright (Chair), Sue Brinsley (Secretary), Jan Everton-Browne (Treasurer), Shona Gruzelier, Rosina Forde, Rachel Cheesman, Charlie Palmer, Jeff Dodgson, John Smith

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2) MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 21st June, 2018

Minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by Marilyn.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

DEFIBRILLATOR

Rosina reported that the event was very successful with people 45 people attending. Thanks to go to Rachel Palmer for organising the trainer.

It was decided that it is safe to circulate the code around the village, and this has been done.

Rachel confirmed that the Village Hall committee were making arrangements to sort out a light for the keypad.

COFFEE MORNING (item 5a)

The rota is fixed up to the end of October. There's none in November as it will be the Christmas event.

After this, attendance will be reviewed and a decision made as to whether to continue with these coffee mornings next year.

BARN DANCE (item 5b)

This was attended by 41 adults and 11 children.

It was a very successful event and feedback has been excellent.

The marquee was not used as high winds were forecast, although on the day it turned out sunny with only moderate wind.

It was agreed that if we do it again, we would only need one toilet, which would reduce costs.

There was discussion about whether it would be better to hold the event next year in the afternoon or evening. This to be discussed at a later meeting.

FILM CLUB EVENING (item 5c)

The date had to be changed from October 5th to 19th, as the village hall was already booked for the 5th.

The film will be 'Whisky Galore'. A Cassandra email has been circulated and Sue will publicise it again before the day. The licence has been arranged.

Rachel volunteered to buy the choc ices and keep them in her freezer until needed.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT

Copy of notes attached.

Current total balance = £1326.50
of which £617 is the Jane Austen fund (money from Ashe Park teas during last year's Jane Austen celebrations)

We made a loss of £451 on the Barn Dance. We have the funds this year so this is not a problem, but we will have to think carefully for future years.

The cost of the village defibrillator training, ie £300, was paid for out of the Jane Austen fund.

5) FORTHCOMING EVENTS

a) Christmas Coffee Morning – November 24th

This replaces the Christmas market, as no-one came forward to take over from Lisa. It is being organised by Steventon Players. The idea is to provide tea, coffee and cake, and to have stands/stalls run by local people.

After discussion of the options, the committee decided to charge for the refreshments. There will not be a cake table with cakes for sale, but any cake left over will be sold off at the end.

The possibility of a 'nearly-new' toys stand was discussed, and it was agreed that this was an excellent idea but would take a lot of organising. It was agreed to do this as a separate event at a later date.

Stands/stalls to be included:

- Refreshments (VARIOUS PEOPLE - TBC)
- Church merchandise (?)
- Local Christmas cards and Calendar (JEFF)
- Book stall (JOHN)
- Barnados stall (JULIA BURKE)

- Christmas cake raffle (MIKE BRINSLEY)
- General raffle (SUE)

b) Seniors' Christmas Lunch – Thursday 20th December

To be organised on the same basis as last year.

Children's Christmas party – December 15th

This will also go ahead as last year.

c) Panto 2019

(Hall booked for March 18th – 23rd)

Charlie and Marilyn confirmed that the production will in essence be based on HMS Pinafore, but will definitely have a 'panto' element to it. The script is mostly completed, and they will soon be arranging a meeting for those interested in taking part.

Rachel now has a team of people to help her with set design and production.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Rolling Supper

Charlie is organising this again this year, and Nick Martin will be taking over next year.

Charlie reported there had been a good early response to his email, and that a venue has been agreed for the coffee course.

This is a fund-raising charity event, and after discussion, it was agreed to increase the charge for the event to £10 per person for those not providing a course. For those providing a course a donation will be voluntary. Once again the charity to be the Basingstoke Food Bank, as last year.

Jan produced a letter received from Basingstoke Food Bank, thanking us for last year's donation.

b) Publicising remaining events 2018

It was agreed to circulate a reminder about the remaining events for this year.

c) Anvil Concert

At the end of September Steventon Singers took part in the Festival of Choirs "Voices Together" concert at the Anvil. A dozen local choirs took part, bringing together around 260 adults and 60 children from both large and small groups of singers. They performed to a virtually full auditorium of nearly 700 people. Learning the mixed and demanding repertoire was hard work for those who don't read music, but many had enjoyed the opportunity to meet and rehearse with other choirs, and all agreed that they were delighted to have taken part in what was a most enjoyable evening.

7) DATE OF NEXT STEVENTON PLAYERS MEETING:

NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE AGM

Tuesday, November 13th
Venue: Village hall

Meeting closed at 9.35pm