

Steventon Players Committee Meeting Tuesday December 1st, 2020

Present: Marilyn Wright, Shona Gruzelier, Sue Brinsley, Jeff Dodgson, Jan Everton-Browne, Rosina Forde, Rachel Cheesman, John Smith

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Charlie Palmer

2) MINUTES OF MEETING - February 24th, 2020

Agreed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Covid restrictions clearly had a major effect on village activities.

Harvest Supper

No action taken as event cancelled.

Film Club

This took place two weeks before the lockdown. An enjoyable evening, Tea with Mussolini was very well received.

Rolling Supper

This was cancelled. In its place, Laurence Quinn ran a quiz on Zoom, helped by Sally, which was well attended and enjoyed by a good number of real and virtual teams. Three customised mugs were given as prizes. Thanks to Laurence and Sally.

ITEM 5: Steventon Village Facebook page

Efforts are still underway to ensure that everyone in the village knows about the village Facebook page and has the opportunity to be on the Cassandra circulation list.

Events - Publicising

Proposed action re hard copies of magazine is not relevant at the moment. To be carried over to next time.

Spending 'Jane Austen' money (under 4. Financial Report)

ACTION to be carried over.

RE-CAP:

"Discussed the idea of spending some of the 'Jane Austen' money on updating the sound system for the village hall. This would mean replacing the big old speakers. Suggestion agreed: Steventon Players pay half and the Village Hall committee pays half. Steventon Players use the equipment for free. We also agreed to get a quote from a professional company for advice about the installation."

Item 5: Steventon Show 2020

Cancelled because of Covid restrictions.

Item 6: Steventon Show 2021

See later item under Any Other Business.

Village Hall decoration

Ongoing. A good start was made over Easter with volunteers doing a good job on some painting, within Covid restrictions. There is a continuing need for maintenance and decoration, which the Village Hall committee will organise after New Year.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT

The spreadsheets have not been circulated yet. Shona reported that the balance hasn't changed, and she will circulate it soon.

The cheque sent to Film Bank Media to pay for the film show licence hasn't been cashed yet.

Other outstanding payments due:

- £27.57 for 3 mugs for the November quiz
- £14.39 for November Zoom (includes VAT)

For the Village Hall Committee, Anita has suggested that the fee for Steventon Players be waived for the year up to Feb 2021, as we have not used the hall at all. She also suggested that instead of paying next year's fee a year in arrears in February, we pay the whole sum in November 2021, that is 6 months in arrears and 6 months in advance. The committee felt this was a good compromise to help both sides, and agreed to this arrangement.

5) NATIVITY 2020

a) The plan is to combine the crib and carol service. The event will take place in the churchyard on Sunday 20th at 4pm. Charlie was writing a nativity play but this will not work well outside so something more visual is being planned. The singing of carols will be allowed as long as people maintain the 2m distance or remain in allowed family groups.

Normally we would be having a village Christmas drinks get-together on the 23rd, to which we would be contributing, but this can't happen this year. The committee agreed to the suggestion that we invite people to gather at the triangle to sing some carols. Bring their own refreshments but no sharing.

b) A nativity scene will be created in the bus shelter. The aim is to put it together after Dec 12th. Volunteers are needed to create more characters.

6) EVENTS 2021

This is the meeting at which we would normally put together a calendar of events for the forthcoming year. However, it was agreed that this would not be a useful exercise in such uncertain times. We have become good at coming up with creative ways of making things happen at short notice, and the village has been very responsive to these events. It was agreed therefore to continue in this way for the time being.

If a proposed event needed to be discussed by the Committee, members agreed it would be quicker to call a short 'Special Meeting' on Zoom rather than trying to discuss it via email, and were happy to do this.

For various reasons it is, however, important to set a date for the summer fete. This to be discussed at our next meeting.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Christmas Market:

Logistics for the Christmas Market were discussed.

Rachel confirmed where monies raised would be paid to:

Virtual cakes - Food bank

Katy Harley cards - Food bank

Raffle - Steventon Players

Masks & Church cards - Church

Independent sellers donate £10 each to Steventon Players = £60

Agreed raffle draw to be timed for 12noon, but make sure that stall-holders are there before starting the draw.

Covid notices will be given to each stall holder.

b) Senior's Christmas lunch:

People enjoy this for the company rather than the provision of a meal, but sadly it can't happen this year. Alternatives were discussed but no suitable ones found.

8) NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 23rd February, 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.