

Steventon Players Committee Meeting Monday 24th February, 2020

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

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Rosina and Peter Lees

2) MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 9th, 2020

A couple of errors were corrected, then the Minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by Marilyn.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Item 3.7: Blackout curtains for village hall

Still ongoing.

Item 5a: Harvest Supper

Not discussed.

Item 5b: Film Night

Next film to be Tea with Mussolini.

Item 5c: Rolling Supper

Shona reported that Nick had paid the charity money directly. She confirmed that next time he will hand it to Shona to deal with.

Item 5: Steventon Village Facebook page

Rachel and Tim have had a discussion, and will be meeting again soon to discuss more detail.

The committee discussed the differences between the village website, FaceBook and Cassandra. It was agreed that they have different purposes and audiences, and each have a place.

- The website acts as a good archive and information for people visiting the village.
- FaceBook is more proactive, and provides a platform for sharing all sorts of information including upcoming events and items for sale, photographs etc.
- Cassandra is an effective and immediate way to dissipate information and publicise events directly to residents.

It was agreed to keep all three.

Item 6: Events

The pudding evening was cancelled due to lack of support. This is the second time but not clear why there was a lack of interest. Not sure about next year?

Item 6: Events – publicising

It was decided not to send out a hard copy with the magazine

Item 7a: Christmas drinks party

Deemed to be a great success. Graham and Laura accepted the £250 from Steventon Players funds, and promptly donated it back. Big thanks to them for their generosity.

It was agreed that the 23rd worked well.

4) FINANCIAL REPORT

Shona presented the accounts.

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.

5) STEVENTON SHOW 2020

Chris has been selling/allocating tickets, and all are sold with a waiting list. There are places for 48 people each night plus up to 20 participants.

The legal limit for the hall is 70. It was agreed to set the hall up without the planned tables, so Chris can now sell tickets to some of the waiting list. This will maximise the number of tickets we can sell.

We need someone to do the door on the nights.

Shona will give Chris bank details so that people can pay by bank transfer.

6) STEVENTON SHOW – 2021

The committee agreed:

- We should produce a full show next year
- It should be our normal 'panto' style
- It is too expensive to buy scripts and pay associated licence fees
- We should involve children for the matinee performances
- Some of the older children could also participate in evening performances

- March works well
- Easter is April 4th. First week of March might fit in well.

Charlie is happy to do an adaptation of a well known story, and the committee settled on a version of Wind in the Willows.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The village hall is to be re-decorated and needs people to do it. In terms of manpower this will be a joint venture between the Village Hall committee and Steventon Players, and Rachel will be looking for volunteers from both. Timing is over Easter holidays.

8) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday May 4th

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.