

Steventon Players Committee Meeting Tuesday March 9th, 2021

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

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

2) MINUTES OF MEETING - December 1st, 2020

Agreed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Covid restrictions clearly had a major effect on village activities.

Events - Publicising

There are various methods used for communication within the village: Cassandra, FaceBook, the Parish Magazine and the Steventon village website. It was agreed that, as far as we know, everyone who wants to receive communications about village activities is now doing so.

For people who have recently moved into the village, and for any future residents, Chris Smith has produced a 'Welcome Pack'. Committee members were interested in seeing an example so that they knew what was in it.

**Spending 'Jane Austen' money (under 4. Financial Report)
To be carried over (2nd time)**

The obvious constraints of Covid lockdown have prevented any progress on this item. So it is being carried over for a second time.

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."

4) FINANCIAL REPORT

Shona outlined recent expenditure, and will forward details to Sue for circulating.

The cost of the lining material for the village hall curtains hasn't been confirmed yet.

Our Christmas donation to the Basingstoke Food Bank was extremely well received, and Shona read out a letter from them.

5) REVIEW – SPECIAL MEETING, February 2nd

Quiz Night – Virtual

This was another very enjoyable evening, and as Covid restrictions were continuing, it was agreed to ask Laurence & Sally to run another one. This has now been booked for March 27th.

Coffee & Cake

Date set in May – see below

Variety Show – Virtual

This took place on March 6th on Zoom. The audience was fairly small, but everyone really enjoyed it and it was a great success. The 'show' comprised eight items, introduced by Charlie, and has now been made available on our private YouTube channel until the end of the month.

Charlie thanked everyone for their efforts.

Film Night – Virtual

"Pride & Prejudice – the Steventon Way" was shown on our private YouTube channel, with people chatting before and afterwards. Many people even fitted in an ice cream in the interval. People reported really enjoying watching the video, knowing that everyone else was watching at the same time.

Marilyn reported that quite a few people have watched it on YouTube since.

6) FURTHER EVENTS 2021

a) Film Night – Virtual

Agreed to run another evening, this time with an older show. Problem could be the quality of the video, which will need checking out.

Date: April 24th

b) Film Club – Village Hall

It is hoped that by July we will be able to hold a normal Film Club evening in the village hall, however this can only be provisional at the moment.

Provisional date: July

c) Bluebell morning

This will need to be online again. Julian will advise a date and time when people can go on their own. There will also be a video made, and a JustGiving page for donations to St Michaels Hospice.

Date: Early May

d) Fête

Date is now confirmed, and it will be at Oakdown House again. Format is unknown at the moment.

Date: Sunday afternoon, June 27th

e) Rolling Supper

Charlie is willing to take back organising this event.

Date: November 20th

f) Panto 2022 – Wind in the Willows

Charlie has progressed well with this. He will be liaising with appropriate people in due course.

Date: End February/early March 2022

g) Other events?

Coffee & Cake could go ahead outside the village hall, weather permitting. Hopefully this would attract some of the people who normally attend but who don't participate in other events.

Date: May 24th, 10.30am

After much discussion as to what else we could organise, reluctantly the conclusion was that there is currently too much uncertainty about how and when restrictions will be lifted. However, it was agreed that any ideas/suggestions can easily and quickly be discussed either by email, or by calling a Special Meeting.

SUMMARY – PLANNED EVENTS for 2021

April 24th:	Film Night – Virtual
May – early:	Bluebell morning
May 24th, 10.30am	Coffee & Cake – outside village hall
June 27th, pm:	Fête
July – TBC:	Film Club – Village hall
November 20th:	Rolling Supper

+ Panto – late February/early March 2022

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Easter:

There had been discussions about doing something over the Easter weekend. However, the conclusion was that most people will be busy making the most of some hopefully re-instated freedoms to do things with friends and family.

Village phone box:

Responsibility for this is somewhat vague!

However, there was discussion on its use, the rota for tidying it, the need to ask people not to dump large boxes of books, and no magazines.

Maintenance: Mike Brinsley had fixed a shelf which had needed some immediate attention. Also was Tim planning to build some additional shelves? If Tim isn't available, Mike is happy to do this.

8) NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th September 2021

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.