

Steventon Players Committee Meeting

Thursday September 2nd, 2021

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

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

1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Charlie Palmer, John Smith

2) **MINUTES OF MEETING – March 9th, 2021**

Agreed.

3) **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Welcome Pack**

Has been produced by Chris.

- **Spending ‘Jane Austen’ money (under 4. Financial Report)
Speaker system for music for village hall**

The needs and therefore the possible solution has changed since this was first discussed. Rather than providing speakers for CDs, a better solution would be to provide a Bluetooth facility. Costs to be shared with Village Hall Committee?

- **Film Night**

Again the film night couldn't take place (Covid). Instead several previous pantos/shows were made available on YouTube and were viewed.

- **Fête**

The fête took place but had to be 'virtual'.

- **Village phone box/Jane Austen Visitor Centre**

Rota for looking after this is up and running.

Thanks to Mike Brinsley for making some additional shelves.

4) **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Shona provided the accounts, and outlined recent expenditure.

The cost of lining material for the village hall curtains was split between Steventon Players and the Village Hall, and has been paid.

5) PANTO 2022

Date has been set: March 3rd-5th, including a Saturday matinée.

Charlie has nearly finished the script. To ensure we achieve the spirit of why Steventon Players exists, it is important that as many people as want to take part can do so, and this is being taken into account with the script.

6) FUTURE EVENTS 2021-2022

a) Harvest Supper

Marilyn will be publicising the Harvest Service set for September 26th.

For the Harvest Supper, it was agreed it would be too soon to arrange a normal full-on event. Options were discussed and the following agreed:

Date: October 2nd:
11am: Harvest Walk
12 noon: Soup or similar at the village hall

b) Rolling Supper

Under current Covid rules, it is deemed to be safe for people to sit around a table. So the event can go ahead, with a maximum of six people at each venue, and participants being required to take a (home) Covid test beforehand.

Date: Saturday November 20th

c) Film Club

With an average number of around 25 attendees, it was agreed it should be possible to achieve an acceptable level of social distancing to be able to run a film night under current Covid advice/restrictions.

Number to be capped at 30 people, therefore best to ask for bookings in advance.

Agreed date: December 3rd
Suggested film: "Elf" – a fun Christmassy film

d) Christmas activities

1. *Christmas market:*

It worked well outside last year, except for being a little too spaced out with stalls up the hill.

Agreed:

- Date: Saturday December 4th – 10.30am-1.00pm
- Do it outside again this year, but with stalls kept closer to the hall
- Raffle to be virtual again – Sue to sell tickets online
- Too much for one person to organise – need a sub-group

2. Childrens' party:

Date: December 11th

3. Seniors lunch:

Date: Monday December 20th

There is no flexibility for this event, and it will be very dependent on the Covid situation at the time.

4. Carol Service

Date: Wednesday December 22nd

5. Christmas Eve – Carols at the Triangle

e) Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Parish council haven't discussed it yet, but it is thought they would be happy to support us.

Date: 2nd June – Thursday & Friday are both bank holidays

Agreed we should do something as a community, and it was noted that street parties are being encouraged for the Sunday.

7) SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW EVENTS

None.

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Next Coffee & Cake event:

Rosina requested approval for combining the September 20th Coffee & Cake morning with a fund-raising event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, to fit in with their charity week. Committee fully supported the suggestion.

b) Village Hall bookings:

Needs to be booked

9) DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 4th:

7.30pm: AGM:

7.45pm: COMMITTEE MEETING:

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.