

West Hagbourne Village Association

Minutes for meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2015

Present: Val Walton (Chair), June Little (Vice chair), Keith Walton (Treasurer), Margaret Leishman (Secretary), Ted Kendrick, Betty Kendrick, Ian Leishman, Malcolm Brownsword, Bridget Pickup, Eva Pinkova.

Apologies: Pierre Aller, Marion Judd, Hazel Rack, Robert Griffiths.

Val opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and wishing them a Happy New Year.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (AGM dated 13th November 2014) were approved.

Matters Arising: Village Defibrillator – Val explained that the reason for the meeting being brought forward from 14th January was because the defibrillator meeting that had previously been planned for the end Jan/beg Feb had been booked for Wednesday 21st January. With so little time to prepare for this it was not going to be possible to combine it with any other planned social/fundraising event.

Phil Taylor has booked the East Hagbourne Village Hall (small hall) on that date. This has caused us a problem with access to the kitchen for the purposes of catering, as the large hall will be in use at the same time. It will however be possible to use kettles etc. in the small hall; therefore tea/coffee and biscuits will be served at the beginning of the meeting when people arrive.

Margaret read out relevant sections of an email written by Phil Taylor, in which he agrees to the Association's request for him to greet our speaker from the Community Heartbeat Trust upon his arrival and set out a format for the evening. The Association will host the event and the evening will run as follows:

7:15pm - members arrive to set up refreshments (tables to seat 30 have been requested and should already be set out in the hall). Val will buy refreshment supplies. June will source polystyrene cups.

7:30pm - doors open and refreshments served.

8:00pm – presentation (approx. 30 mins.) Phil Taylor will introduce the speaker.

8:30pm - Q& A session - (approx. 30mins.) Val/June will thank all those for coming.

9:00pm – meeting closes.

Premises to be cleared by 9:30pm.

The Association agreed that the aim of the meeting is to inform villagers and contributors, which will in turn help those concerned to decide whether or not a defibrillator is a viable and appropriate proposition for the village.

It was noted that Phil Taylor has applied for 2 grants SODC £600.00 and(OCF £300.00 in the name of the Village Association in order to bolster funds already raised within the village) To do this it was necessary for the Association to supply him with details of the bank account.

Upon request, a meeting reminder leaflet was drafted during the meeting, which was to be forwarded to Dave Totterdell ASAP so that he could distribute them around the village. An offer of help to do this would be offered at the same time.

Margaret will write an email to Phil Taylor confirming details for the agreed format and organisation of the meeting, and arrangements for the distribution of the reminder leaflets.

Marquees- the 2 marquees are stored at Manor Farm. The smaller marquee is in a poor state of repair, however Keith reported that he had replaced missing parts following its return by hirers who had misused it. As a result of this, Keith has drafted a new hire agreement to be signed by those responsible for the marquees who will also be required to pay a deposit in case of damage. The Terms & Conditions stated thereon are such that Keith will consult with Mike Butler to make sure that the wording is legal and fulfils its purpose.

The Association's 20 tables and 100 chairs are stored at York Farm.

All those present thanked Keith for his continued hard work looking after and organising the hiring out of the marquees.

Treasurer's Report – Keith reported that the balance of the Association's bank account remains unchanged since the AGM at £1032.60. Hire of the Village Hall (£18) and refreshment costs for the defibrillator meeting will be spent shortly.

Planned Events – Annual Dragon Competition - the committee agreed that the competition would run between 18th April – 2nd May this year. On Saturday 2nd May the Association will hold an afternoon teas event from 2:30pm onwards in the grounds of Chapel Hayes. The winners of the competition will then be announced, and there was some discussion as to the possibility of incorporating other attractions such as children's fancy dress comp. and a people's dragon comp. where villagers vote for their favourite dragon using a display of photos of the dragons taken by Malcolm. Details to be discussed at the next meeting. Margaret will draft an advert to be published in the next village newsletter and organise a notice to be included in the Parish Magazine. Flyers will be distributed around the village in good time to advertise the event. Judge to be sought – Val (Kingswell proprietors? or poss. Reg Warr

Madge Trophy Garden Competition – it was decided to hold this year's competition during early to mid July. A judge for this also needs to be sought and various names/ideas were put forward for this role. Individual members of the committee will investigate possibilities.

Future Fundraising ideas/events – Eva suggested hiring the village hall to stage a concert for the West Hagbourne singers to entertain villagers.

AOB – Margaret pointed out that some of details included inside the village welcome pack needed updating. Malcolm will mention this to the Parish Council who is responsible for its distribution. Margaret asked if the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme that used to be run in the village was still in operation. It seems that it was disbanded some time ago. Malcolm offered to mention this to Val Brownsword-(Parish Council) so she might enquire as to whether the Council would wish to be involved if the scheme were to be resurrected some time in the future.

Date Of Next Meeting – Wednesday 4th March, 7:30pm, Driftway, York Road, by invitation of Ted & Betty Kendrick.

Thank you to Val & Keith for their kind and generous hospitality.