

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 6th September 2016.

- 1. Those Present:** R Barber, B Wills, M Barber, J Nielsen, S White, R Belson, K Stockton, J Bloomfield, E Thurlow, J Clark, M Mansfield, T Roberts, I Bartholomew, J Thomas, R Hubbard, J Hubbard. R Barber proposed and R Belson seconded a motion that J Clark and M Mansfield be officially accepted onto the committee. This was agreed unanimously.
- 2. Apologies:** K Rotheron, I Campbell and K Boardley.
- 3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 2nd August 2016:** J Nielsen proposed and K Stockton seconded the motion. This was carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising:

4:1 Observer Matters: The Editor, Jeannie Bloomfield, reported that take-up of coloured covers is proving very popular; advertising is picking up; there are ongoing problems with the printer. It was suggested that we appoint a small group to liaise with PCC over the printer – Jeannie and Fred Bloomfield and Trevor Roberts will act on our behalf.

4:2 Neighbourhood Watch: Ken Stockton continues to pass on information to J Bloomfield.

4:3 Storage of costumes: T Roberts proposed, seconded by E Thurlow, and agreed unanimously, that M Mansfield would purchase storage boxes for costumes.

4:4 Community Council Trophy Competitions: The Pumpkin Competition – Kathy and Gordon are happy to host the event as usual. J Bloomfield proposed, B Wills seconded, a motion that we contact the Horticultural Show organisers to ask whether they would wish to take on the Hanging Baskets Competition using a silver trophy that had been offered by J Bloomfield.

4:5 Abandoned Vehicle: This has now been removed by the owner after intervention by MSDC.

4:6 Telephone Kiosk: Rob admitted that he hadn't yet contacted Richard Pratt but agreed to do so asap.

5. Events:

Jumble Sale – 17th September: Jeannie asked for help to set up the hall after the Cinema on Friday evening. More jumble is definitely needed! Maggie asked for Raffle prizes if any committee members would like to donate. Ian Bartholomew agreed to provide money for floats.

Mystery Show – 15th October: Maggie confirmed that Posters and flyers have now arrived. She will make some A3 copies for the notice boards and design and make the tickets. Although it is a 'pay later' event, we still need to use tickets to give us an idea of numbers likely to attend! We are using the October Observer cover to publicise the event.

Unveiling of the Memorial Batik: British Legion Members will be at The Apex on the evening of the 11th. However, we decided that we had to keep to that date because of its importance. We will, however, leave the hall open for the whole weekend for people to view the batik and the History Group exhibition. Ian Bartholomew agreed to write an article for the Observer.

The Nutcracker – 26th November: Judith Thomas confirmed that rehearsals are underway. Maggie agreed to work on a poster for advertising and also to use on the cover of the November Observer.

Christmas Fayre – 4th December: Fred Bloomfield has volunteered to organise this event. More details later. Anyone wishing to have a stall should contact Fred on 01359 258596.

Hall Shut Down – 5th December: To be confirmed at next month's meeting.

April 2017 – John Hubbard's Musical Offer: April 8th seems a likely date.

Judith Thomas: Judith is hoping to put on a Disney Princesses show with her younger performers, possibly March 18th or 25th as provisional dates. In July she is hoping to mount a Cabaret Show with the older children and adults from the Concert Party.

6. Finance Report: I Bartholomew reported a balance on the Community Council account of £1,817.40. There is a total of £32,025.99 in the MVH account, of which £31,023.74 is in the Building Fund. He is hopeful of other grants becoming available shortly.

7. Hall Fundraising Group: Ian Bartholomew reported that the **Restoration Committee** is now disbanded as it was felt that there are now a number of organisations who are actively engaged in putting on events within the village. Since its formation the group has raised over £24,000 for hall funds. Ian Bartholomew, Mike Wills, Ian Toulson and Debbie Watson will continue to keep both the **Cinema** and **Village Quiz** running. Appreciation was expressed by the Chair, and Committee, to Robin Newell for both his idea for the group and his Chairmanship of it for over 10 years, and also the committee for all their hard work on behalf of both the MVH and the village community. The next **cinema** showing will be October 16th when the new season begins with Dad's Army. The 21st October screening will be Bridge of Spies. 18th November has also been booked but no film has yet been chosen. **The Village Quiz** will take place on October 14th in the MVH. It was agreed that our team would be R Belson, M Mansfield, J Clark and J Thomas.

8. Hall Matters:

Health & Safety: There were no issues to report from the Accident Book.

Gardens Weekend Review: It was reported that the kitchen urn supplying hot water for drinks had failed for the third successive year when serving afternoon teas over the Gardens Weekend event. This was not due to a filter failure as the organisers had previously perceived and reported. The Committee agreed that users need to be mindful of the limits of the capacity of the hall kitchen equipment when serving overly large numbers of customers particularly at periods when a rush of customers might be expected.

9. Stage 4 Hall Project: The architect's detailed schedule of work for Phase 4 is being considered by four builders. We expect to make a decision at the October meeting as to which builder will be offered the contract.

10. Correspondence: R Barber reported that a generous note of thanks for the use of the hall had been received from the Parr family.

A draft reply to Colin Johnson's letter in the last Observer was considered by Committee and, with one amendment regarding pricing, was approved for publication in the October Observer.

11. Any Other Business: There was none.

12. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting: This will be on **Tuesday 4th October 2016**, 7.30 at The Six Bells.