

Minutes of the Village Society Committee held 10 March 2010 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars

Present; David Theoff (Chairman), Pat Simpson, Ollie Chapman, , Alan Coller, Roger Ayling, John Simpson, Jan Rudolph (Secretary), Tim Offord, Pip Hazleton, Karen Wright, Louise Perryman, Martin Ferber

Apologies received from; Duncan Scott. Martin Ferber was voted unanimously back on the committee

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record

Matters arising from the last meeting are covered by the agenda

Finance

AC reported that there is £2,148.23 in the account with a further £134.92 cash in hand. No money has yet been paid out of the Theatre Group £1,495.72 but we are expecting to be asked for funds to pay for the refurbished stage lighting in the Village Hall.

Goosebumps Gig April 9

LP showed poster produced by the band which was liked but is too large at A2 for shops. To be photographed and reduced to A4. KW volunteered her business phone number and secretary Mandy to handle ticket sales. Posters to go on boards at the 4 roads in to the village and in Village Shop, Preston Butchers, Preston Nursery, Wingham shop, Post Office and newsagents. Tickets will be for sale in the Butchers, Preston Village Shop and Wingham Shop. David to distribute tickets. We are to let David know how many tickets we need. Louise will make some A5 fliers.

Refreshments – Karen, Louise, John and Pat to organise. Last year we sold 50 bottles wine and AC has a list of what other refreshments were used. Raffle – 4 or 5 good prizes needed, DT promised his usual bottle of Armagnac. KW hoped to persuade her hairdresser to offer a free hair do.

Future Events

Plant Sale

Saturday 22nd May Village Hall Coffee morning and Plant Sale. PS is contacting other village organisations to have stalls.

Horticultural & Dog Show

Saturday 24 July. Ps has spoken to Dorinne Flies and her mother and is continuing to investigate the possibility of a dog show.

Beer tasting

KW to suggest a Saturday in September to her contact

Chef's evening

Planning for this is dependent on the new cooker in the Village Hall. JS reported that it is to be delivered and installed this week so he will contact the Chef.

Jazz at Hardacre Farm

MF reported that this event will take place on Sunday 29 August. People bring their own food and drink. It is free but ticket only and people attending will be asked to contribute to charity. It is in aid of the Village Hall, the Children's Society and Dave Lee's Charity

Steam Rally

A bid has been put in to the Grass Roots Fund for £1,500.00. for a marquee and RA is investigating a refrigerated display cabinet for the fresh cream scones. We can make more money this time by having all homemade cakes. We need more tables and chairs.

Other possibilities

The casino evening cannot go ahead as the people concerned no longer organise these. There has been no progress on the Gilbert & Sullivan night. It was suggested that we could have a Race Night. PH has put her brother-in-law in touch with Lorna Listbrain with a view to a music event. An Open Village event was suggested where different people talk and demonstrate their skills for example the butcher talking about cuts of meat.

Young Persons Action Plan

Football shelter

MF reported that the litter from it is blown across his field and that he is willing to bolt a bin to the wall. JS said that the roof still needs the tiles put on and MF and PH volunteered to help.

Reports on projects

Newsletter

The next edition is due at the end of March. DT has the letter ready to go out to the potential new advertisers next week

VDS –affordable housing

There was a positive outcome to the meeting with the Parish Council about the results of the Housing Needs Survey and the feedback from the VDS. OC, PH and PS from the Parish Council are on a sub-committee with RA and DS which is looking at possible sites. The matter will be reported at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

Any Other Business

The next village litter collection will be on 27 March at 11am

The Village Hall has received a grant from BT for a lap-top and broadband connection.

In order to communicate better with people who are not online and therefore cannot be updated by e-mail, 10 copies of these minutes will be left in the Village Shop.

The next meeting will be on 14 April at 8pm at the Half Moon and Seven Stars