

Minutes of the Village Society Committee held 12 August 2009 at the Half Moon and Seven Stars

Present; David Theoff (Chairman). Pat Simpson, Ollie Chapman, Duncan Scott, Alan Coller, Roger Ayling, John Simpson, Jan Rudolph (Secretary)

Apologies received from; Pip Hazleton, Karen Wright, Louise Perryman

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record

Matters arising from the last meeting are covered by the agenda

Treasurer's report – there are printing costs and further Steam Rally expenses for Roger. Liz & Duncan insist on donating the Pimms for their event which increases the profit £29.60 to £707.35 Funds raised so far from events £2300. Bank account is £3644.57 and petty cash £54.52. Alan making enquiries about a large presentation cheque for £2500 for publicity for Newsletter.

Events

Forstal House

David thanked Liz and Duncan for their wonderfully successful event and all their hard work, and all who helped and coped with the unexpectedly large numbers!

Lessons – Good publicity, 150 flyers and 20 posters

- Marquee essential to hear the music

- Provision of toilets

- Money management on the day

- Pricing for different foods and separate serving area for drinks

- Sell drinks at the beginning

October Wine tasting

Friday 16 October at Preston Village Hall. Tickets ?£6 as before. Mike Connolly to MC(former wine buyer for Sainsburys). John to talk to Mike re wine for sale, Karen to do raffle. Food plain cheese & biscuits. John & Pat to talk to Julie re suppliers.

Gig in the Barn

Saturday 5 September. Doors open 8pm. Gearbox starts 8.30pm. tickets £5.

Check external lighting – Alan has festoons.

Drink – Roger to do 2 barrels of Masterbrew. David to talk to Colin re. Supply. Alan to let Jan know what other beer/soft drinks & wine we have in store. Karen to be asked to supply wine on sale or return as before. Glasses from supermarket as before. Check with Lorna re. Glass v plastic.

Food- crisps & nuts only

Publicity – posters out by 21 August and flyers need. Roger to send draft to David.

Till – Jan to investigate

Toilets – Jan to investigate hire

Entrance – gate needed to ensure every pays

Tables & chairs from Village Hall to be booked by John & Pat

Lighting for car park?

Supplementary music to play in between sets? Can Gearbox supply?

Raffle – suggested we collect cash donations to buy ipod and Roger offered camera/binoculars at cost

Subcommittee David,Jan,Pat,John,Roger to meet Lorna on Monday morning to clarify queries.

Young persons Action Plan

Pat & John met with Dover & Kent Council officials. Progress is slow so representatives of the 3 villages decided they needed to meet on their own to push things forward. Applications to Collier Ferguson have to be there in the next 2 weeks. Terms of reference and a constitution for the project are required. Preston Parish Councillors are going to a meeting of Wingham Parish Council to be briefed by Sue Chandler so all will know about the project. KCC will be recruiting 3 youth worker posts to do 6 hrs a week.

David to do a form for Leyland Ridings for £500 for the football shelter.

Village Hall refurbishment – nothing new to report.

Newsletter

Copy date 12 September 2009. Pip has canvassed local businesses who are willing to advertise in future editions

Speed watch

David and Ollie are going to a meeting 8 Sept with other villages to share experience.

Neighbourhood Watch

David to organise putting up the new signs.

Keep the Village Clean

A date in September to be arranged

Footpaths & bridleways

A Trot sign has appeared on the track from Elmstone to Hoaden. Chris Bratcher who lives in Mill Lane is a Footpath Monitor for the Ramblers Association.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 9 September 2009

Jan Rudolph
Secretary