

# Longparish Community Association

**Meeting: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 20.00 at Meadow View courtesy of Gloria Goodliffe.**

## **06/39 Present:**

Chair: Wendy Ellicock, Christine Beresford, Patrick Beresford, Alix Bremridge, Gloria Goodliffe, David Wright.

Apologies: Jeremy Barber, Toby Cooper, Jonathan Evans, Fiona Gould, Andy Smith

## **06/40 Budget**

David reported that we have £2487 in the bank. He banked £580 from the Fun Day. There are some cheques that need to be signed for licenses and photocopying. The major expense so far was for insurance - £310. The youth club would continue to need a small subsidy. At the moment he was happy to report that our finances are healthy.

## **06/41 Membership**

Christine reported that as of today we have 151 members. That is made up of 126 full members and 25 associates. The full members are made up of 116 adults and 35 juniors. There has been £422 taken in membership money and £378 in donations.

**Action:** Christine to design a form for affiliate groups.

## **06/42 Insurance**

David reported that we are covered by the insurance policy but are still waiting for paperwork. We have £2 million public liability cover and £10 million employer's cover. We have no equipment as yet and this is reflected in the quote of £310. Equipment will be added to the policy as it is acquired.

## **06/43 Licensing**

David Gould has been enrolled on a course which will qualify him as the Community Association's personal license holder.

## **06/44 Purchasing Strategy**

Alison Angell has been approached for information on how other groups manage buying necessities. There are various ways in operation:- cheques, petty cash with vouchers and receipts and for groups who spend a lot regularly it is possible to have a cheque book system. At present David favours the petty cash system with receipts.

**Action:** David to talk with Andrea and Cheryl about youth club spending.

A discussion has been held with Ann at the shop she has kindly agreed to give the association a discount. She is willing to run a monthly account with a list of authorised people and a maximum spend limit. It will also be possible to operate sale and return. When we need to place an order; if it is received by Monday the goods will be delivered on Wednesday. While it is recognised that the shop may not be able to match supermarket prices it is proposed that where practicable we use the village shop for the mutual benefit of everyone.

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## **06/45 Management of Community use of the 2 halls.**

The management committee of the community hall has a new Chair - Philip Howie and a new school representative-Penny Chermiside-Sergison. It was reported to the LCA that the governors have raised the hire charges for the community hall. They have been doubled without consultation with the management committee who had worked hard to work out a hiring strategy and a table of charges that covered notional costs. This hike in charges without consultation represents a total disregard to any agreement made between the community and the governors under the chair of John Ellicock. There has been one meeting of the committee with the new chairman. Progress is slow and much ground which the committee had already agreed with the governing body is being revisited. The ongoing problems of access, booking the hall while the school is on holiday and cleaning are still unresolved.

The old hall is getting a good volume of bookings. The management committee of the old hall had sought estimates for fixing the plumbing, windows, and doors. This would only be a stop-gap measure and as one tradesperson said, in the long term this would not be the best option. It was therefore decided that, as the hall will probably not be demolished and the fact that there is a wealth of grants possibly available, we should seek professional guidance on the best way to look after the hall.

## **06/46 Grant funding Strategy**

Fiona has been in discussion with various agencies and bodies and it appears that there are grants available to fulfil our needs.

## **06/47 Coffee mornings**

19 people turned up to the coffee morning held at Meadow View on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The next coffee morning will in fact be afternoon tea. It will be hosted by Nona at The Rectory and will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 3.30.

**Action:** Gloria to advertise the gathering.

## **06/48 Walking group**

Wendy led the first walk on 1st June. It was a hot day and the walk took two and a half hours rather than the hour and a quarter planned. Participants were unable to match the pace expected by Wendy. Undeterred Wendy is planning gentle walk of about an hour on 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9.30 followed by coffee and cake at Longmead House. Wendy was hoping that someone would volunteer to lead other walks as she did not want to be wholly responsible for setting the routes every fortnight.

## **06/49 August Sports Event**

The committee who ran the Fun Day were fully stretched and have been unable to put any time to this event. It's on hold at the moment.

## **06/50 Moviola**

Alix attended a Moviola fact finding day on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Before this evening's meeting she circulated a paper of findings. The Moviola meeting was upbeat and even small villages were able to make a profit. The main action point for this evening's group was to choose the films. Alex said that she and Tom would do that. Alex reported that the

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Andover multiplex is due to open in Feb 2008. Maybe at that time we drop Moviola and transport people to Andover.

Alix suggested a flat rate for film tickets, tickets to be sold at the shop prior to the evening. Barton Stacey should be included in the film evenings and they are willing to put an advert in their parish mag about the films. We are going to liaise with nearby villages. Alix will need a team of at least four to make the evenings work.

**Action:** Alix to deal with promotion of films in the H+V

**Action:** Gloria to check on the number of chairs at the village hall.

## **06/51 Fun Event**

The day was a success in that it produced a good mix of people at the various events. It was mooted that a vote of thanks be minuted to the committee that made the event happen. Most attendees enjoyed the day. A number of minor improvements to be considered for future events were raised:- about the band being on the patio and picnickers on the field, the position of the recycling wagon and the design of the tickets. It should also be noted that the very success of the day put immense pressure on the small organising group and this must be addressed for any future events.

On a positive note the Head of the school was pleased with the way that the Community Association left the school grounds and hall.

## **06/52 The date of the next meeting**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at Alix Bremridge's home The Orchards at Forton. Apologies were received in advance from Christine and Patrick Beresford and Wendy Ellicock.

The meeting closed at 9.40