

Longparish Community Association

Meeting: Thursday 13th July 2006 at 20.00 at Orchards, Forton courtesy of Alix and Tom Bremridge

06/53 Present:

Chair Fiona Gould, Jeremy Barber, Alix Bremridge, Gloria Goodliffe, David Wright.

06/54 Actions from last meeting

Carry forward: Christine to design form for affiliate groups.

Carry forward: David to speak to the Youth Group about spending strategy.

Alix has received two volunteers, Anna Fowles and Emma Smith, as a result of article she placed outlining the aims of Moviola in H+V last month.

Gloria has checked the number of chairs. There are a total of 115 adult chairs in the village hall.

06/55 Budget

David reported that the bank balance is healthy and stands at £3334.32 Cheques have been signed for: - reimbursement of fees for licenses and training course, printing costs, youth group training and youth group tuck-shop. Some of the outlay will be recouped from the sale of goodies in the tuck shop.

06/56 Insurance

LCA must have a child protection policy in place by 11th August. The deadline is a requirement of the insurance policy. Fiona has already made a start on the policy on behalf of the youth group.

Action: Fiona to work on the policy and sent it to David by 7th August so that the deadline set by the insurers can be met.

06/57 Membership

To date we have 199 members. There have been requests from parishioners in Hurstbourne Priors to join the LCA and it was decided to provide them with membership forms as an insert in the September issue of H+V so that they have an opportunity to join the association before Moviola starts in September. There was a discussion about actively extending membership to Barton Stacey in the future.

Action: Gloria to contact Christine about membership forms and HBP about stuffing forms in the copies of H+V destined for HBP.

06/58 Licensing

David Gould is now the personal license holder for LCA. The village hall now has a license covering alcohol as well as entertainment. Philip Howie has liaised with Fiona and filled in the application form but the school have not as yet received a license for either entertainment or alcohol for the Community Hall.

06/59 Process for authorised buying from the shop

It was agreed, after discussion, that for the moment persons authorised to purchase goods on behalf of LCA on credit from the village shop should be trustees of LCA with the addition of

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Karen Lewis from the youth group. There will be a limit of £250 a month on any one person's purchases. David reminded us of the ordering and delivery days. Order by Monday and goods will be available on Wednesday.

Action; David to confirm these arrangements with Anne and supply her with a list of trustees.

06/60 Management of community use of two halls.

There has been no meeting of the community hall management committee since the last meeting of this committee. As a result of this inactivity, members of the community are still very concerned about the lack of use by the lack of clarity about community use of the new facility. The Fun Day was deemed a successful use of the facility and since there was a profit Jeremy proposed that LCA should donate £100 to the school for the use of the community hall. It was felt that a specific purpose for the donation should be suggested - to help towards the cost of shelving in the cupboards in the hall.

Action: Fiona to write to the Chairman of governors donating the money and expressing the concerns of LCA about community use of the new facilities.

06/61 Youth Group

06/61a Update

So far there have been three sessions of the Youth Group now called Kids Zone. There have been between 12 and 24 people attending the group. The group is working towards activities, perhaps once a quarter, outside the village - one of which may be a pantomime outing.

06/61b Child Protection Policy

A child protection policy needs to be in place before the group can apply for grant funding.

Action: Fiona to continue working on this policy.

06/61c Funding

It was envisaged that there will be a delay of about 4 or 5 months before any external funding becomes available. The Fun Day made a surplus so it was decided that the youth group can spend up to a maximum of £200 to keep the club functioning in the interim. The wish list of Kids Zone includes a pool table. The Cricketers have kindly managed to get one donated from the brewery. To make space for the new pool table the piano needs to be disposed of. This should already be in hand, Carol Dunford has been asked by the village hall committee to advertise it on e-bay.

06/61d Website

At the moment Cheryl and Andrea send news to be posted on the website to Jeremy. A longer term solution needs to be sought for the future.

06/62 Communications

To keep the profile of the LCA high and ensure that people realise what activities we are organising it was decided that all communications should use the header (and footer if appropriate) as already circulated among the committee. Font Comic Sans ms

In future we should work towards publicising events on the web, to members via e mail, Hill and Valley and ultimately a newsletter. A person will ultimately be sought to deal with publicity.

Supporting a thriving community

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06/63 Moviola

Alix is happy to lead the band of volunteers for September and October. Hopefully there will be a team in place for the November film because Alix will not be available to help. There was a discussion about ticket costs and it was felt that whatever the cost of tickets there should be a perceived reduction on the ticket price for members of the association. At present our dates and film preferences have been sent to Moviola but have yet to be confirmed. Although we have been assuming that ticket sales will take place through Acre Stores, no dialogue with Anne has yet taken place. It was decided to give refreshments to movie goers on the first evening as well as providing a pay-bar. A discussion on glasses took place. As we are using the shop for our supplies there is no facility for free glass hire so it was decided to buy our own glasses. David expressed a preference for glasses other than the very basic Paris goblet.

Action: Gloria to arrange minor snacks.

Action: Alix or David to talk to the shop about our requirements.

Action: Alix and Gloria to explore purchase of wine glasses and storage boxes.

Action: Alix to organise a Moviola team meeting

Action: Fiona to write announcement for H&V re license and glasses

Notes for next meeting

- We need to confirm how tickets are going to be sold and their price.
- David Gould needs to brief the team running the event so they understand their responsibilities and the terms of our license are upheld.

6/64 Coffee Morning and Walks

The venue, day and times are different each time to allow people with different commitments to attend. Different people are attending each venue and numbers vary between 15-19. It's a good way for LCA to keep a high profile with minimal effort on the part of the committee (except for Wendy!).

The walking group is going to be split in two sub groups, slow and gentle and a little more lively. Walks take place each fortnight. In August there is one walk for each of the groups. Wendy is leading both walks.

Notices for coffee and walks are advertised in H+V. In future they will appear with the LCA branded heading.

6/65 August Family event

The committee felt that they were too stretched to achieve a good event. The event has been posted on the web but no other publicity has gone out so the event has been cancelled. It was felt that it would be better to make sure that when we do something it would be as good as we could make it. Effort is going to be put towards making sure that Moviola is a success.

Action: Jeremy to remove mention of the event from the web.

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6/66 Other

Treasure hunt

Corrine has suggested a treasure hunt. The committee is happy to provide the infrastructure for this.

Action: Fiona to speak with Corrine about the idea.

Quiz

A Christmas Quiz was suggested as a good way of raising funds. Ricky Bourne has run these in the past

Action: Jeremy to talk with Ricky to see if he would be prepared to compile one for the LCA

Serving the community

One of the aims of LCA is to serve the community. We need to investigate car share schemes; adopt a footpath and other ideas arising from the Parish Plan. Greg Alexander has spoken to Fiona about a volunteer database and a Test Valley scheme. Romsey has a grant funded organisation to link transport, hospitals and patients. We need to follow up these ideas when we get time.

First Aid Course

There is a wish to have some of the Youth Group volunteers trained in first aid and Fiona has been given some possible contacts by Greg Alexander who run a course designed to ensure people know what to do whilst waiting for an ambulance. This will need to be followed up and there is a possibility that it could be offered to the wider community.

Action: Fiona to explore further

Hog the Limelight

On Friday 13th October The London Philharmonic Skiffle Orchestra has been booked to play in Longparish. This is a subsidised event run in conjunction with Hog the Limelight. Supper will be provided and tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October.

Action: Gloria to liaise with village hall committee to organise supper, sell tickets and make sure publicity is widespread.

6/67 Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th September at 20.00 at David Wright's home.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 22.10