

Longparish Community Association

Minutes of a meeting held at Queen Anne Cottage, Forton on Thursday 13 January at 20.00.

08.1 Attendance

Fiona Gould (Chair), Jeremy Barber (who drew the short straw and became scribe), Christine & Patrick Beresford, Alix Bremridge, Andy Smith, David Wright.

08.2 Apologies

None

08.3 Minutes of previous meeting

Agreed as a fair record.

08.4 Actions from previous meeting(s)

Where done, these are covered in the subjects concerned. The remaining ones to carry forward along with action points from the current meeting were:

- David Gould to email membership form to members **Action – Fiona to tell him!**
- All to suggest names of people who might join the committee

08.5 Membership

Membership forms and reminder had been in the previous three editions of Hill & Valley and Jeremy had put the form on the village website (previous action point). Christine reported that the 06-07 membership had risen to 289. As of the evening of the meeting, there were 119 members for 08-09 of which 75 were renewals and 32 were associates. There was one affiliated body – the Parent and Toddler Group. As yet there was no form for affiliated bodies. **Action Christine will design form.**

Christine will draft an enhanced message including thanks for donations for the February Hill & Valley and Jeremy will continue to put the form on the back of the village events diary for the next three months. **Action Christine and Jeremy.**

There had not been many suggestions for activities. The main theme was, “bring back the film nights” (see later). Agreed that committee will discuss all suggestions before the AGM. **Action Fiona and Christine to liaise re agenda.**

08.6 Treasurer's report

David had requested funds of £1,440 the parish council in accordance with the budget agreed with them. The parish council had provided the money and David had thanked them. After a decent interval he had requested a similar sum for the

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year to 31 March 09. Jeremy reported that the request had been approved at the January parish council meeting and £1,440 included in their budget for 08/09. The committee expressed their thanks to the parish council which Jeremy will pass on. **Action Jeremy.**

The balance had improved from £3273 to £4669 and some recent memberships and donations had yet to be banked. Donations included with membership renewals totalled £280 ranging from £100 to £1.

Christine and David had liaised on donations (previous action point) and David had thank you letters for larger donations (£20 or more) in hand. Jeremy and Andy had yet to devise the membership card. Agreed that smaller donations will be acknowledged when membership cards are issued. Jeremy will liaise with David just before sending out the cards to ensure he uses up to date information. **Action Andy, David & Jeremy.**

The balance included £150 for KidzZone capital expenditure and £150 for equipment which needed spending (not spent yet because of donations of kit). The £400 allocation to KidzZone for food and drink was likely not to be needed at that area was showing a slight surplus at present.

Patrick will claim Gift Aid in April. **Action Patrick.**

08.7 Activities – KidzZone

Andy had attended the TVCAN meeting with Martin Hulme (previous action point). It was very useful; they had been offered a Nintendo Wii and a data projector which were both expected soon. Well done! NB the projector will need a home.

The committee resolved to appoint Maggie Barber as “Admin Officer” to deal with CRB checks. Maggie has the forms ready and will now be able to send them. **Action Maggie Barber.**

Parental support was not as good as hoped. The committee suggested some sort of celebration to mark the success of KidzZone with parents involved and helping to plan future activities. **Action Andy to liaise with KidzZone.**

Jeremy reported that Quiz sales were going well. He expected to clear over £100 for KidzZone.

08.8 Activities – Smooth Movers

LCA acts as bankers for the smooth movers, an exercise class which meets on Thursday mornings in the village hall. He took in the subs (£4.50 per session) and paid the expenses (hall £10, teacher £30, heat £3 or so). Things had gone reasonably well and there was around £50 in hand. But they were struggling a bit at present. Illness had reduced numbers and the cold weather increased the heating costs. They needed 9½ people to break even and were currently getting 7 or 8. Sarah Harris had sought a grant from TVBC but the amount was too small for them so they were seeking help from LCA. They don't want a long term subsidy but needed help to tide them over.

The committee was happy in principle to have Smooth Movers as a section of LCA and to underwrite up to £100 (in addition to the £50 in hand) to cover a dip provided they could be assured that the Smooth Movers were taking all necessary steps (such as advertising and perhaps changing the meeting time) to widen membership. **Action Fiona and David to follow up the request and using their discretion within the principles above.**

08.9 Activities – Moviola

Andy had written to Moviola expressing our concern but had received no response. Jeremy reported that Hurstbourne Tarrant had a similar problem. Bearing in mind that TVBC sponsor Moviola, agreed that Jeremy will approach Jim Neal, our TVBC councillor, to see whether he can help.

Christine was aware that some villages go it alone (she mentioned Feckenodeon though Alix pointed out that the circumstances are somewhat different) and that the [BFI offer help](#) to local film groups [scribe's note – see also [British Federation of Film Societies](#)].

Andy indicated (previous action point) that his wife, Emma, would be happy to find out more about doing it ourselves, an offer the committee was pleased to accept. **Action Andy & Emma.**

08.10 Activities – Hog the Limelight

Diary of a Nobody is booked for Sunday afternoon, 2 March. Tea will be included and transport offered. This is Mothering Sunday. Fiona is doing an ad for Hill & Valley suggesting people bring their Mum. Jeremy had foolishly mentioned cucumber sandwiches with the crusts cut off in a previous Hill & Valley and was tasked to make them. **Action Jeremy.** As it was Mothering Sunday, Simnel cake was agreed as an extra for the tea. **Action Fiona to find caterers and drivers**

The open day for next year's Hog the Limelight is on 26 April

Action Alix agreed to attend

Action Fiona to see if anyone else interested so a car-full could go

08.11 Activities – Elderly

Feedback on the Winchester shopping trip was good.

Fiona had discussed with Corinne Bowman (previous action point) proposed that we establish a small working group (she already had volunteers) tasked with arranging activities and provided with a budget of £300, plus the cost of any MIDAS training needed. Activities will need to be open and advertised and accountable. **Action Fiona to set up the group.**

Another suggestion was help with transport for sick and/or elderly and there was already a willing volunteer driver. Fiona will ask the group how best to make use of this offer.

08.12Activities – Summer event

Paul Knipe, Nicky Derrick and Wendy Ellicock were willing to help and the line dancers and quick draw shooters were eager to come. Agreed that the date will be Sat 21 June to be advertised (**Action Jeremy**) in the February Hill & Valley with an appeal for volunteers. Community Hall to be booked (**Action Jeremy**).

Format is likely to follow the previous event. Jeremy will apply, via the parish council, for a grant of £300 to go towards the cost of a barn dance band and caller. **Action Jeremy**.

A small working group will be needed to get this event moving before the next committee meeting. Patrick, Andy, and Jeremy were willing.

08.13Community Hall

Fiona had inadvertently overlooked contacting Patrick (previous action point) but the message had got to him nonetheless and he had joined the committee. The committee comprised Philip Howie (chair) Patrick (representing LCA), Gina Snowden (representing the Village Hall), Toby Cooper (member of governors' finance committee), Alex Foggo (head teacher) and Jonathan Evans (also member of governors' finance committee). There had been two very short meetings and they were making a start on the terms of reference. Patrick will not agree anything without reference back to the LCA committee.

08.14Next meeting

Weds 12 March at Fiona's house.

08.15Closure

As it was already well past bed time items on TVCAN, Hill & Valley, AGM planning and feedback on parish council issues were deferred (**action Fiona for next agenda**) and the meeting closed at 22.30.