

Longparish Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 20 May 2008 at 20.00 held at The Orchards, Forton courtesy of Alix Bremridge

8.33 Present. Fiona Gould, Jeremy Barber, Alix Bremridge, Christine & Patrick Beresford, David Wright, Andrew Smith, Trevor Elkins. Cathy Yelf attended for item 1.

8.34 Support for Village Choir

Cathy Yelf explained that the village choir, which had initially formed for carols at Christmas, both in the church and in local pubs, was gathering momentum and an enthusiastic group of singers. They are to perform at the LCA Summer Fun day and hoped to put on works at other events. The cost of music was a concern for some members and support of the LCA was sought. After some discussion during which support in principle was expressed, the LCA agreed to support the choir up to a maximum grant of £200 per year. The Treasurer agreed that the choir could operate through the LCA bank account to lodge takings from any fund raising event or from the sale of music. Members of the choir were to be encouraged to belong to the LCA.

8.35 Actions from last meeting

Reports on progress for some items are included as Agenda items later. Those not otherwise covered are reported here.

Membership form for Affiliate groups – carried forward - **Action – Christine**

Membership cards – carried forward – **Action – Jeremy/David**

Moviola – details passed by Christine to Andy, who reported work in progress. Fiona reported that the recently acquired projector should be capable of showing films.

- **Action – Andy**

Activities for Elderly – Fiona reported that the “Recycled teenagers club” under the leadership of Corinne Bowman and Jean Chambers had taken off and had already arranged a couple of trips making use of the small budget granted to them.

Best Kept Village – Plans to enter 2008 competition shelved as not enough time to prepare but it should be included as an agenda item for a future meeting.

8.36 Planning for AGM

The date of the AGM was confirmed as 3 June at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall. The quorum for the meeting was about 20 members and those present were encouraged to bring members along. **Action - All**

All current Trustees agreed to stand again except for Alix who was standing down. Trevor agreed to join the Trustees and Becky Bourne, who had been appointed by the Parish Council would join.

The structure of the AGM would be:-

- Chair (Fiona) – Review of the year in form of Powerpoint presentation **Action – Fiona to circulate draft to trustees by end May for comment and inclusion of pictures**
- KidzZone report – from Andrea Hulme
- Recycled Teenagers report **Action - Fiona to work with Corinne**
- Membership Report (Christine) – see table below
- Treasurer's Report (David) including adoption of accounts and appointment of Independent Examiner for current year.
- Election of Committee, including Secretary and Treasurer
- Discussion/AOB

It was suggested that attendees be given post-its upon which to note ideas for future activities – and possibly to vote on a short list of potential Hog the Limelight events (see below) **Action - Fiona**

Drinks and nibbles would be served. Wine is in stock following the Quilt, but soft drinks and nibbles will be required. **Action – Jeremy to co-ordinate**

Andy offered to put up posters publicising the AGM – **Action Fiona to send electronic copy**

8.37 Membership

Christine reported the following LCA membership.

Total members	192
Adults	160
Juniors	32
Associate adults	33 (included in total above)
Associate juniors	11 (included in total above)
Total membership in Sep 07	289
Renewals	127

We are likely to see a surge in membership from attendees at the Fun Day and Jeremy has printed off copies of the membership form so that each ticket seller has them available. The application form is also available online:

http://www.longparish.org.uk/documents/LCA_Membership_form_08.pdf

We should make sure we're all members! **Action - All**

8.38 Summer Event - 21 June

Andy reported sound progress with good response from volunteers to help run events. He reviewed the programme which was similar to that organised 2 years ago but breakfast would be at Longmead House and cream teas at Lower Mill where there would also be a treasure hunt for children. The evening event would include the Paul Costello band, the village choir and a Barn dance. There was a limit of 103 all day, priority indoor tickets available. Full details, including how to buy tickets will be in the June Hill & Valley.

Jeremy proposed that the LCA should purchase a 10m x 4m tent from Party Tents for use in case of wet weather at this event and to be available in future for hire. He had

experience of such a tent which was substantial and long lasting. Following discussion on where to store the tent when not in use (initially at Jeremy's) the committee agreed to a grant of up to £500 to buy a tent. **Action – Jeremy and Andy**

8.39 Treasure's Report

David reported a balance of £ 5,849 thanks to renewed subscriptions and generous donations. This includes a nominal figure of £940 for equipment belonging to LCA. The Trustees agreed with the examiner's comment that equipment purchased should be written down over 2 years. An action was placed on Fiona to obtain a valuation for the projector.

Action- Fiona

In the meantime David would increase the insurance cover to £ 2,500 with single item value of £750. The Wii would be included as a designated single item.

Action - David

Jeremy expressed his thanks to David for his work as Treasurer which was seconded by all present.

8.40 Hog the Limelight

Fiona reviewed what was on offer, namely high quality events with up to £500 sponsorship of costs for villages. Alix and Patrick had attended the showcase event but only saw a fraction of what is on offer. It was agreed that a minimum of 2 events plus perhaps a workshop show be booked. It required a sub group to draw up a short list of events and the availability of both performers and the village hall. The events should be in the period Sep08 to Mar09. Suggested members of the sub group were Christian & Iona Dryden, Emma Smith, Chloe Biddlecombe, Becky Bourne and Trevor.

Action - Fiona

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22.hr 08' 38'' !

Next Meeting: 16 July at Yew Tree House courtesy of David Wright

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