

**Longparish Community Association  
Minutes of Committee Meeting 20 January 2009 at 3 Woodwalk Cottages**

**Present:**

Members:

Fiona Gould, David Wright, Christine Beresford, Patrick Beresford, Jeremy Barber, Andy Smith, Becky Bourne, Trevor Elkins. Apologies were received from Nicky Derrick.

**Also attending:**

Xandi Denny – Village Correspondent;

Lizzy Bourne and David Burnfield, directors of Murder Me Softly

**8.79 Midsummer Murder**

To assist the Committee to make a decision on whether or not to go ahead with the Midsummer Murder event provisionally planned for 27 June 2009, Lizzy and David explained how the event might function, timings, attendance and prices, cost and cost options. They also described the use of murder packs, incident room, role and positioning of suspects and stewards and answered questions arising. The cost, if full use was made of their company, was £1200. After their very comprehensive briefing they left the meeting.

The Committee then made the following decisions:

- they would organise a Midsummer Murder on 27 June 2009 with the primary aim of a unifying community activity rather than to raise funds;
- they would use the services of Murder Me Softly to reduce the need for volunteers;
- there would be a charge to attend the event of around £12.50. In order to participate however attendees must also buy a Murder Pack for about £5. The Murder Pack will contain a map of the village showing location of suspects etc. Attendees can work in groups and need only one Murder Pack per group but only one solution per Murder Pack can be submitted;
- the provisional outline timings of the event would be:

Start	2 PM
Briefing	2 – 2.30
Interviewing of suspects, visit to incident room etc	2.30 – 5.30
Preparation of solutions	5.30 –6.30
Supper and Reveal	6.30 –9.30

- the murder would be set in the period of the Second World War and participants invited to dress in costume;
- the event would be centred on Middleton in order to reduce the distance to be covered by entrants;
- in view of possible over-subscription to the event, tickets initially would be limited to the village.

David volunteered to be a suspect and Christine offered to assist on the day.

Arising from this the following actions were agreed:

- Fiona would book the Community Hall and hold the village hall as a possible incident room.
- **Action 8.79a: Fiona**
- Xandi would put a notice in Hall and Valley for initial publicity and asking for volunteers to assist in the organisation. Becky agreed to be the contact for the responses.
- **Action 8.79b: Xandi and Becky**
- there would be a progress meeting at the end of February.
- Action:8.79c: Becky to co-ordinate**

## 8.8 Actions

Action no	Action	Result
8.68	Andy to co-ordinate resolution of technical issues and provide an answer on legal requirements for showing films.	Agenda item
8.69a	Christine to send Fiona an updated list of members.	Completed
8.69b	Christine to circulate a revised affiliated membership form for approval.	Continuing
8.70	David to write to the Parish Council to request the outstanding grant for 2008/9 and to request a similar grant for 2009/10.	Completed and grants approved
8.71a	Jeremy to check the status of the screen with James.	Completed. Screen is a gift
8.71b	Fiona to update the inventory.	Completed
8.71c	Christine to investigate the feasibility of a container for storage.	Completed
8.7d	Fiona to identify a source for replacement projector bulbs.	Continuing
8.71e	Fiona to write to affiliates and potential affiliates (Play Group, FOLS, Mother & Toddler, Gardening Club) to tell them what equipment is available for loan.	Continuing
8.71f	Fiona to talk to Andrea and discuss process and prices for the community to borrow the moveable KidZone equipment.	Agenda item
8.72a	Fiona to write to Maggie to thank her for all she did to make "Home Service" a success.	Completed

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8.72b	Andy to check the stocks in the village hall.	Completed
8.72c	Fiona to progress "Puck's Bottom".	Agenda item
8.72d	Jeremy to give the LCA proper emphasis in Hill and Valley.	Completed
8.73	Fiona to write a letter to the organisers, Jean, Corrine and Mandy expressing the LCA's gratitude for their activities and pledging support for the coming year.	Completed
8.74	Andy to arrange a meeting to resolve outstanding issues on showing films.	Agenda Item

**Continuing actions: 8.69b Christine  
8.7d and e Fiona**

Arising from discussion of action 8.72d, Andy suggested that David Wearn, a graphics designer might help with the design of a logo for the LCA. He agreed to contact David to discuss this.

**Action 8.8: Andy**

**8.81 Membership Update**

Renewals are coming in. Currently there are 77 members for 2009, of which 52 are renewals and 17 associate and 10 junior. Christine agreed to write something for Hill and Valley giving thanks for donations. Jeremy circulated a draft membership card which was agreed.

**8.82 Treasurers Report**

The treasurer reported that the financial position was sound. The net position had improved since the last meeting by £1403.2. This was largely due to the grant from the Parish Council. The treasurer was having difficulty relating TVBC minibus invoices to activities. Fiona said that she would speak to Jean.

**Action 8.82: Fiona**

**Secretary's Note:** Due to the time spent on the first agenda item the discussion on the remainder of the agenda was restricted.

**8.83 KidZone Update**

Andrea was the main-stay of KidZone. Two volunteers have left recently which is cause for some concern but not panic. Andrea and Martin hope that as this coming September's cohort is much larger than the current year, there will be volunteers among those parents. Andy said that he would look into the availability of help from the Test Valley Community Services and Youth Support.

**Action 8.83: Andy**

#### **8.84 Recycled Teenagers Update**

A new list of activities is being planned. Shopping trips with lunch out are very popular. Following on from this Fiona offered to introduce Xandi to KidZone and Recycled Teenagers.

**Action 8.84: Fiona**

#### **Activities**

#### **8.85 Hog the Limelight**

The Dominic Holland event had been a great success. Nicky Derrick is taking the lead with Puck's Bottom. This will take place on 8 February at 3pm in the Community Hall and is for children from 5 years old. Fiona agreed to review progress.

**Action 8.85: Fiona**

#### **8.86 Films**

Fiona had investigated the issues with respect to showing films using our own equipment and had written notes on her findings "Post-Moviola Options for the LCA" which had been distributed to the Committee. She outlined some of the issues and her recommended option to use an MPLC Umbrella licence. The main drawbacks to this were that we would not be able to show Warner or Sony films, limitations on advertising and only LCA members could attend. It is possible to hire equipment. A number of decisions have still to be made. Emma Smith is happy to co-ordinate progress from here, the first step of which will be to get advice from the local BFFS group.

**Action 8.86: Emma Smith (Andy to communicate!)**

#### **8.87 Making LCA Equipment available**

Fiona circulated a draft Equipment List for comment. All members are requested to submit their comments on the equipment list. Fiona agreed to circulate the list to actual and potential affiliates.

**Action 8.87a: All  
Action 8.7b: Fiona**

#### **8.88 Schools Admission Policy**

A copy of the admission policy for Longparish School had been circulated to members. The Committee had no comments on the policy per se. They were however concerned that the closure date of mid-November for submissions and the rigid application of the policy would lead to village children being excluded from the school. Families who do not have documentary proof by mid-November that they are moving into the catchment area before the beginning of the following school year in the following September are effectively excluded from the application process.

It was noted that there were a number of village children who had been refused admission to the school. The committee was informed that other schools are showing more flexibility in their admission procedures. The Secretary undertook to draft a letter to the Governors expressing the LCA concerns. A copy should be sent to the county councillor and the Parish Council. Jeremy suggested that the committee could offering assistance where a village child was refused admission to the school but the group did not really have time to debate this.

Consider further at the next meeting.

**Action 8.88: Trevor**

### **8.89 Village Hall and Community Hall**

Jeremy explained that village hall needed renovation and a Village Hall Committee had been established to oversee this. The LCA were a major user of the village hall and it was therefore important that their views should be represented. Jeremy and Andy were all ready members of the committee representing other groups and agreed to look after the interests of the LCA as well.

**Action 8.89: Jeremy and Andy**

Discussion of progress with the Community Hall was put off to the next meeting.

### **8.9 Meetings**

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 3 June at 7:30 with the agenda as for last year. The next meeting of the LCA will be at 8 PM on Thursday 19 March at Queen Anne Cottage, Forton courtesy of Jeremy.