**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12th October 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**at The Anchor**

**PRESENT**

Tina Gardener (Chair) Mary Cornish

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Di Davie

Sue Francis (Treasurer) Barry Leathwood

**15/212** The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

**15/213 APOLOGIES** - none have been received.

**15/214 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**15/215 MATTERS ARISING**

1) Projector – it was agreed that one be purchased – Barry agreed to get details of projectors up to £400.00 and liaise with the chair to purchase a suitable machine.

2) Screen - the wall in the Village Hall has been found to be satisfactory in the past. The alternative would be a pull-down screen mounted on the wall of the village hall, but which would not be portable. Barry said he had a screen that OPRA could borrow when necessary.

3) Playground - Tina read the letter of support she had written to the Parish Council in support of the provision of a new playground in the village. Following a detailed discussion it was proposed by Mary and seconded by Barry and unanimously agreed that OPRA would donate £1000.00 towards the cost of the shelter associated with the playground. Agreed that a fund raising activity be arranged to help meet the cost.

4) First Aid Training – Di and Barry have agreed to attend on 16th December and places have now been booked.

**15/216 CORRESPONDENCE**

None received to date.

**15/217 TREASURER’S REPORT including 100 Club**

The Treasurer reported there were no changes since the last meeting, i.e.

Bank £1124.00 Cash £215.84

100 Club £2773.60 Savings £1935.70

The 100 Club still has 102 members.

**15/218 AUTUMN PROGRAMME**

1) Fireworks – Sue confirmed that she has ordered the Galaxy and Neptune packs as before.

The volunteers for this year’s event will be contacted i.e. Paul Cadmore, Andy Ingram, Adrian Floyd, Kevin Partridge. John Devlin to be approached re burgers and sausages and Ray Bollen be asked to staff the BBQ. Tina will purchase 6 orange buckets for collecting on the night. Collecting bottles to be placed in Post office and Anchor.

2) Lantern Workshop – Sarah Webb has agreed to hold lantern workshops and organise a parade before the firework display. 3 workshops will be held in half term week – Tuesday 2-4 pm, Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm and a further date and time to be arranged. It was agreed that a procession from the telephone box to the common take place at 5.45pm and LED lights be purchased for the lanterns.

3) Seniors Christmas Dinner – A notice has been displayed in the Post Office advising over 60s who wish to be on the invite list to contact the secretary. Invites will be sent out around 1st November and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Last years ‘to do’ list will be updated and distributed to committee members.

4) Talks – agreed that Barry would contact Alys Laver at Steart Marshes to agree a date in January 2016 to give a talk on development at the marshes. Di informed the meeting that the only suitable date would be Thursday 21st January.

Walks – Next walk will be on 18th October. Barry to put poster out. November walk to be Sunday15th.

5) Race Night – to be held on Saturday, 21st November at the village hall. Sponsors are required –suggestions included Steve Chinn, Anchor, Hills Butchers, Post Office & Stores, Social Club, Blackmore Farm, Babbling Brook, Village Hall, Cottage Inn Ancient Mariner.

It was agreed that the charge would £3.00 per head, with a ‘ploughmans’ in the interval. We would need bread, cheese, pickle and tomatoes. Ann will contact Cricketer Farm re donation of cheese (confirmed, will donate).

6) Quiz – confirmed 18th October. Mary and Shaun will host, starting at 8 pm. Prizes will be needed for a raffle.

7) Kite making workshop on Saturday, 3rd October was again a huge success, 14 kites were made and all flew with the help of mums and dads running up and down on the common to make up for the absence of any breeze! Agreed to write a thank you letter to Mike Timmins.

**15/219 OTTER TALES**

The deadline for articles for the next issue will be 5th November.

**15/220 FETE 2016**

It was agreed to make enquiries about brass bands in the area to attend the Fete, also possible Bouncy Castle suppliers. A Fete Committee meeting will be held in late January following an appeal for volunteers in that month’s Otter Tales.

**15/221**  **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Barry agreed to update 100 Club leaflets.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** - 2nd November at 7.30pm at the Anchor.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Race Night

Christmas Dinner

Signed……………………………………….. Date………………………..