**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on Monday, 18th MAY 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**at The Anchor**

**PRESENT**

Tina Gardener (Chair) Mary Cornish

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Di Davie

Sue Francis (Treasurer) Bev Smith

Jacqui Sparks Barry Leathwood (joined the meeting at 8.45pm)

**15/179** The Chair formally welcomed new members

**15 /180 APOLOGIES** No apologies have been received.

**15/181 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**15/182 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**15/183 CORRESPONDENCE**

a. Letter from Wild Flower Project thanking OPRA for a donation towards a seat

b. OVH re change of hiring charges

c. Card of thanks from Bridget Hemming

d. St John Ambulance – up date of OPRA details

e. OPRA representative for OVH – agreed that Tina continue

**15/184 TREASURER’S REPORT including 100 Club**

The Treasurer reported the following:

Bank £ 874.27 Cash £ 215.84

100 Club £2247.60 Savings £2135.70

The 100 Club has 102 members at the end of March.

It was agreed that 100 Club leaflet be updated and the secretary will email a copy of the existing leaflet for members to suggest alterations.

**15/185 TRUSTEE/NEW MEMBERS**

This matter was discussed and it was agreed to discuss further at our next meeting.

**15/186 CIM FUND**

Discussion took place about the £500.000 allocated to the parish which may not be available for 2-3 years, however it is possible to make applications to the (wider) CIM Fund. The Chair explained our previous thoughts to our new members and the items we should bid for, i.e. mower, generator, portable lights (for fetes, firework displays), projector and screen (possible film evenings) – agreed Barry be asked to price these. A Shelter to be placed near the playground (Heath Bennett has agreed to oversee this), and possible gazebos. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

There is to be a ‘Drop In’ session at the Village Hall on 27th June when an up-to-date list of ideas will be made available for further comment.

**15/187 COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

Discussion with the various groups wanting to contribute to a newsletter needs to be arranged. Barry has had several offers of help for proof reading, delivery etc. but no-one to help with the actual writing and setting up ready for printing. Bev Smith agreed she would like to help in this aspect.

Di Davie suggested it could be called ‘Otter Tales’.

**15/188 EASTER ACTIVITIES**

The Easter Egg Hunt and Quiz were enjoyed by all who took part although numbers at both events were lower than usual. It appears we may just break even on these events.

**15/189**  **BARN, PAVILION AND MOWER**

The pavilion and barn will need a ‘tidy up’ and ‘sort out’.

Agreed that the Market banners could be stored in the barn and we will arrange for them to have a key to the barn.

The mower needs servicing and Mike Gardener has agreed to have this done.

Mike Gardener recently sold a gang mower for £86.10, a Ransome mower/mastiff and a tyre for £72.08. Thank you to Mike.

**15/190 WALKS AND TALKS**

The next walk will take place on Sunday, 24th May and posters will be displayed and emails have been sent.

It was suggested that we have 2 walks per month, one rather easier and one a little more energetic. Thus giving those who would like ‘more of a stroll’ to join us.

**15/191 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

Discussion took place about organising an event with the following suggestions being made: Tea Dance, Race Night (the previous one was very successful), Kite making for the children (Mike Timmins is willing to organise another one – the session last year was very successful).

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** - to be agreed

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – Trustees/new members, review of public liability insurance.

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