**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on 26th April 2011 at The Anchor at 8.30 pm**

**PRESENT** Robert Palmer (Chair) Tina Gardener

Ann Leathwood (Secretary**)** Barry Leathwood

Lyn Palmer Sue Frances (Treasurer)

**APOLOGIES**  None

**11/34 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING;**

**M**inutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2011 were approved by the meeting and signed by

the Chairperson.

**11/35 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Royal Wedding Celebrations – Lyn and Robert gave an update on the arrangements for the day.

More posters were required (12 of which 8 should be laminated) and one for the display board to be positioned across from the Post Office. Lyn agreed to let Barry have details for this.

1. Community Choir – a letter has been sent to Nicole Wigley inviting the choir to entertain at the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. They will be pleased to do this and will confirm in writing shortly.

**11/36 SUMMER BALL**

It was confirmed that the Summer Ball will take place on Friday, 18th June. Date has been checked with Matt at the Anchor. Refreshments have been ordered i.e. Shepherd’s Pie and Chilli at £4 per head. It was agreed to decorate the Anchor and to erect a gazebo at the entrance. If funds will allow a glass of champagne per person will be served.

As last year, Lyn and Robert will organise tickets. It was agreed that the times for the Casino (8 to 11pm) would be printed on the tickets and also posters etc. A third table has been booked, the total cost is £445.00. Doors will open at 7.30pm price per ticket is £10 if bought in advance and £15 if bought on the day.

Other items discussed were: - the possibility of a ‘table magician’ and Tina agreed to find out cost from Apple County. Tina will approach Terry Linden, the photographer, to see if he wishes to take photographs as last year. Sue’s neighbour has agreed to be DJ at the disco and will use Matt’s equipment. It was agreed that the DJ would be offered £50 for the evening. Prizes (as last year) will be required, also prizes for a raffle.

**11/37 OPRA PLAN**

It was felt that OPRA needed a plan for the future and long discussions took place on various topics. The suggestions made are as follows and will be refined at future meetings.

* + - To consider our priorities if money becomes available from EDF
    - The tractor was now quite old and we need to consider a replacement
    - A permanent shelter near the play area for youngsters/parents etc.
    - Encourage and support new groups in the village
    - To get our website up and running in the near future
    - We need to develop the roll of OPRA within the village
    - Our barbeque is showing its age now and we should consider a replacement
    - The possibility of buying a small marquee
    - Repairs/replacement of the beacon
    - Maintain the pavilion
    - OPRA and Parish Council to meet to discuss how we can best go forward
    - The purchase of a digital projector
    - 100 Club – try to expand membership to reach 100. Lyn suggested an Incentive to give first quarter free could be offered for a limited time, paid from OPRA funds – Sue to check legal position on this. It was felt that a portable display board was required to advertise the 100 Club more and Lyn and Robert agreed to research this.

**11/38 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

The following items will appear on the next Agenda:

OPRA Plan

Easter activities (report)

Talks and Walks

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 23rd Mat 2011 at the Anchor at 8 pm

There being no further business and the meeting closed at 10.45pm

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