**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on 5th September, 2011 at The Anchor at 8.00 pm**

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

Ann Leathwood (Secretary**)** Barry Leathwood

Lyn Palmer Sue Frances (Treasurer)

**11/57 APOLOGIES** None **IN ATTENDANCE** Rob Wright

**11/58 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of 6th June 2011 were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**11/59 MATTERS ARISING**

**Summer Ball**- Despite a lower attendance this year it was agreed that the Ball was successful. Having three tables was an improvement and meant everyone got a chance to play. Unfortunately a small loss resulted. Discussion followed as to whether holding a Ball every year was perhaps too much. It was suggested every other year (the Fete to be held in between years as usual) may be more appropriate.

It was agreed that maybe a questionnaire should be sent out asking for suggestions of activities people would like, e.g. a community event, a pig roast (this was felt to be too expensive), cricket, etc.

**11/60 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence has been received:

1. Letter of resignation from Helen Jowett and other volunteers of Chat and Chill. Agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Helen.
2. Letter from Reg and Sandie Wilkes informing OPRA that they would take over Chat and Chill and requested OPRA continue the funding as previously. It was agreed to the funding until the end of the year. It was agreed to discuss this matter again and would ask Reg to let us have a financial statement and details of the numbers attending.
3. Letter from the Markets Committee thanking OPRA for their most generous donation.
4. Letter from John Bailey who was proposing to start an Art Class in the village requesting a grant from OPRA to help the class get started. It was agreed to pay the village hall rent for two months.
5. E-mail from OVH requesting permission to organise a Christmas Raffle under the OPRA umbrella.This was agreed.

**11/61 TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer report that cash held in OPRA accounts as follows:

Bank Account £415.99 Cash £250.56

100 Club £1023.19 Savings £2528.86

The following cheques have been drawn:

368 Combwich Brownies donation £150.00

369 Village Market Committee donation 200.00

370 Wine (Mr Valentine-Slack) for audit 6.00

371 Printing paper – 4 reams 15.96

372 Cake ingredients – Royal Wedding 5.54

372 Tickets for Summer Ball 25.26

373 Royal Wedding function decorations 7.92

373 Puncture repair kit for tractor 10.00

373 Tractor tyre plus fitting 109.20

374 OVH hall hire for Choir 9.00

375 BWBSL 8.95

376 Donation to Little Otters 100.00

377 Champagne – Summer Ball prize 20.00

378 SSC – badminton 375.00

379 OVH hall hire for Chat & Chill 36.00

380 Tractor insurance 165.15

122000 Posters – Summer Ball 8.00

122000 Laminating pouches 5.99

122001 BBQ Walk supplies 19.19

122002 OPC – Welcome feature 500.00

346 BWBSL – cancelled cheque -7.77

The 100 Club has 88 numbers this quarter. It was agreed that we need to purchase more balls as only 90 were included in the present set.

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**11/62** **AUTUMN EVENTS**

**Fireworks Display** – The display will take place on 6th November. 4 trained people will be needed to set up and discharge the fireworks and it was agreed to contact Andy Ingram, Paul Cadmore, Simon Briggs, Kevin Partridge and Robert Palmer as to their availability. Robert agreed to try and locate Ray Bollen to see if he was available for the BBQ and also the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. Sue will order a similar pack of fireworks as previous. It was agreed to contact Rob Bruckell of Barclays Bank to see if it was possible for his bank to pound match our collection on the night.

**Christmas Dinner** – Will be held on Saturday, 3rd December, and the secretary agreed to e-mail the invitation list to everyone to update the list. We agreed to discuss further at our next meeting.

**11/63 WALKS AND TALKS**

An e-mail has been received from Mervyn Brown giving dates of the next series of talks. They are: 27th October, 24th November, 19th January 2012, 16th February, 29th March, 19th April and 31st May. The committee are rather concerned that some of these dates are not on the agreed date of the month (3rd Thursday). It was agreed to write to Mervyn and ask the reason for this.

The next walk will take place on 18th September and will be to Brent Knoll. After that the walk would be on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Details would be displayed as usual before each walk.

Barry said he was hoping to organise a ‘local history’ walk within the village. A route would be agreed upon and would be informative with perhaps residents adding information along the way.

It was hoped after the walk that refreshments could be available at the village hall where discussion could take place on the local history of the village.

**11/64 TRACTOR, BARN AND PAVILION**

It was agreed to put the cricket equipment in the barn as there are obviously mice in the pavilion.

**11/65 OPRA PLAN**

It was agreed that the meeting with the Parish Council, OPRA and all groups within the village should be arranged soon. A suggested date was 17th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**11/66 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

It was agreed that a Newsletter be prepared for distribution at end of September.

After discussion about OPRAs subsidy of badminton, £185 paid by OPRA from January to August this year it was agreed that the fee to players be increased to £4 each per session. Junior badminton will start again and their fees would remain the same.

Robert Wright had said he would like to be involved with OPRA again, and it was agreed that he join the committee again.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17th November at 8pm at The Anchor.

There being no further business and the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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