**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on 6th June, 2011 at The Anchor at 8.00 pm**

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

Ann Leathwood (Secretary**)** Barry Leathwood

Lyn Palmer Sue Frances (Treasurer)

**APOLOGIES**  None

**11/48 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING;**

**M**inutes of the meeting held on 23rd May, 2011 were approved by the meeting and signed by

the Chairperson.

**11/49 MATTERS ARISING**

Barry said that he had not yet merged the various email lists but hoped to do so soon

**11/50 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence has been received:

1. Somerset Community Council Newsletter – will email further news to committee
2. Letter of thanks for donation to Combwich Brownies

**11/51 TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

Bank Account £231.75 Cash £239.86

100 Club £1015.19 Savings £3127.84

The 100 Club now has 86 numbers

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**11/52 SUMMER BALL**

An update of arrangements for the Ball took place. As last year, ticket sales are not good and it was decided to ‘blast’ the village with posters, also the bakery and butchers and post office in Cannington. Barry agreed to print some more posters as soon as possible. We would have the gazebo as last year and decorate with balloons, plants, etc. We hope to put up some decorative lights making it very welcoming!

We will have a raffle and Ann will contact Mark Druitt to ask if he would donate a fruit basket as a prize. Matt has agreed to donate a bottle of wine and committee members agreed they would also donate chocolates and wine.

A Casino prize for the person with the most money at the end would be a bottle of martini/champagne and glasses – Lyn agreed to purchase these.

Tina will ring Terry Linden re photographs on the night.

The Secretary was asked to write to Rob Bruckell of Barclays Bank as the bank has kindly agreed to sponsor the Ball.

It was agreed to have an informal meeting on Thursday, 16th June at The Anchor after the EDF meeting. We would meet on the day of the Ball at 2 pm to set up.

**11/53 OPRA PLAN**

The Chair has written to the Parish Council re a joint meeting with representative of groups in the village. The Parish Council has agreed to such a meeting, which should be held in September. The Parish Council will send out the invites.

**11/54 WALKS AND TALKS**

The next walk will be on 12th June which will be a local walk, and after that a Cream Tea Walk on 10th July. A walk and a BBQ on the Quantocks will take place on 31st July and it was agreed that no walk will take place in August.

Talks will begin again in the Autumn and it was agreed that Barry approach Garth Crocker and Robert would see Angela Partridge and invite them to give a talk during the next series.

**11/55 TRACTOR, BARN AND PAVILION**

Due to the recent cars being on fire on the car park behind the barn, the Fire Brigade broke the padlock on the barn doors to check there was no damage in the barn. No damage was found and Tina purchased a new padlock and fitted it.

A tidy up of the pavilion will take place on Wednesday, 8th June at 9 am.

**11/56 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

The first Village Market will take place on Saturday, 9th July from 10am to 12 noon.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

A date was not arranged, Committee members will be notified in due course.

There being no further business and the meeting closed at 9.45pm

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