**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on 7th February at 7.30pm**

**32 Nursery Close**

**PRESENT**

Jacqui Sparks (Chair) Barry Leathwood

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Mary Cornish

Sue Francis (Treasurer) Di Davie

 **17/1 APOLOGIES** - Tina Gardner, Bev Smith and Felicity Ashworth

 **17/2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2016, were approved.

**17/3 MATTERS ARISING**

 No matters arising.

 **17/4 CORRESPONDENCE**

 None apart from thank you cards for the Christmas Dinner.

**17/5**  **TREASURER’S REPORT**

 Sue reported that the following amounts were held:

 Cash £192.34 Bank £407.89

 100 Club £1658.55 Savings £2457.47

 The 100 Club now has 101 members from 1st January 2017.

 Our Lottery Licence for 2017 has been renewed

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**17/6 REPORT ON CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

 Several guests did not like the entertainment, after some discussion it was agreed that we would revert to our usual entertainments format which should be short with a sing song at the end. Good messages about the dinner were received. Sue reported that the cost of the dinner was £7.26 per head. We had 4 paying guests this year and it was agreed that that we will charge £10.00 per head this coming year. We also agreed that any new requests to join the list should be aware that the age be raised to 65 years (this does not apply to people already on the list). We will put a report on Otter Tales later in the year, also advertise in PO and Shop. It was agreed that we invite Liz Brown (she is now living in Cannington) but still leads the Brownies in Combwich and has a popular stall at the market in the Village Hall.

 It was reported that it had been difficult for some having to go through the Club, rather than the main entrance to the hall, particularly for helpers carrying hot food for the kitchen. Concern was also expressed about the restrictions in the main entrance particularly as it was the main (but not only) exit in case of emergency. It was also agreed to ask for the serving hatch with the club to be open next time.

 Di agreed to book the 2017 dinner at the Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd December.

 Our thanks to Mike Gardner for his help with the Christmas tree and lights, also to Sarah Webb for arranging for the lanterns parade along Brookside before lighting the tree. Finally, our thanks to all who helped and made our Dinner and lighting the tree a happy weekend.

**17/7 A.G.M**

Agreed the date of AGM to be held on 27th March at the Anchor at 7.30 pm. Ann will get the invitations ready to be delivered by 6th March. Barry will make some posters and display. It was also agreed that we ask Matt for the cost of refreshments.

**17/8 EASTER ACITIVITIES**

The Easter Egg hunt will take place on Good Friday. 14th April. Ann will ask Robert at the PO if

 he could offer us a deal – we would probably want to order 80 eggs.

 Felicity has agreed to set the questions – we will let her have a copy of previous questions.

 It was agreed that a Quiz will take place at Anchor, can Tina contact Mary and Shaun to see if they are available. Raffle prizes for both events will be gratefully received.

**17/9 WEB SITE AND OTTER TALES**

 Barry reported that he was managing the website at the moment, but when the time comes to update or redesign the site he will need technical help. It was agreed to advertise in Otter

 tales to see if anyone was willing to help.

**17/10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** –AGM -27th March 2017 – 7.30 pm at the Anchor.

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 Signed…………………………………… Date………………………..