**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on Monday, 9th February 2015 at 7.30 pm**

**at The Anchor**

**PRESENT**

Robert Palmer (Chair) Barry Leathwood

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Lyn Palmer

Sue Francis (Treasurer) Tina Gardener

**15/159 APOLOGIES** Jacqui Sparks

**15/160 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2014, were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**15/161 MATTERS ARISING**

The very successful Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner was discussed. ‘Thank you’ cards and general comments were shown. Letters of thanks have been sent to all the helpers. The switching on of the Christmas Tree lights drew a crowd this year. Nigel the Gnome was a huge success.

**15/162 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Robert and Lyn Palmer resigning from the Committee as they are hoping to move house soon. The committee expressed its appreciation of the contribution that both Robert and Lyn have made over the last 6 years. Both will stay in post until the AGM in March.

2. Email From Wildflower Group asking for a donation towards a bench to be situated near the wildflower meadow. Secretary to write to ask how much they need to raise and what monies do they have towards it.

**15/163** **TREASURER’S REPORT including 100 Club**

The Treasurer reported the following:

Bank £ 891.71 Cash £ 215.84

100 Club £1991.09 Savings £1735.70

The 100 Club has 101 members as at January 2015.

**15/164 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This will be held on Friday, 20th March at The Anchor at 7.30pm. Invitations will need to go out by 27th February – Secretary will print and distribute invites to be delivered. Agenda will be printed on the back. Following the formal meeting there will be refreshments and a game of ‘killer pool’ or darts.

**15/165 EASTER ACTIVITIES**

Easter Egg hunt will start at **11 am** on Good Friday at the Anchor. Prizes needed for raffle.

Enquire at Post Office the cost of 70 Easter Eggs. Robert will ask Jacqui if she would like to set questions for the Easter Egg hunt. Sue agreed to purchase large egg for the most correct answer sheet.

The Quiz will be held on Easter Sunday evening. Tina will approach Mary and Shaun to see if they would like to help again with the questions. Raffle prizes will be needed. Barry will prepare a poster.

**15/166**  **BARN, PAVILION AND MOWER**

Nothing to report.

**15/167 WALKS AND TALKS**

The next walk will take place on Sunday 15th February. Posters are displayed and emails have been sent.

A talk by Garth Crocker, our local weatherman, will take place on 17th February, again posters are prepared and emails sent. A glass of wine will be included in the admission fee. The start time is **7.30pm.**

It has not been possible to find a suitable speaker for a talk in March. It was suggested that perhaps we could hold a ’computer/internet’ evening and ask Graeme Wigley to come a give a presentation which will include our website. Laptops/tablets could be available to allow folks ‘have a go’ themselves. It was suggested this could be called an ‘Internet Experience’

**15/168 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

It was agreed that we should organise a fund raising event during the year. A social evening, barn dance, race evening were suggested. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.

Comments were made about the success of the website and the committee were appreciative of the commitment of the webmaster Graeme Wigley and his son Joe

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – Monday, 16th March.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

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