**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2012 at The Anchor at 8.00 pm**

**PRESENT** Robert Palmer (Chair) Barry Leathwood

Ann Leathwood (Secretary**)** Sue Francis (Treasurer)

Lyn Palmer Rob Wright

Tina Gardener

**12/01 APOLOGIES** None

**12/02 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of 21st November 2011, were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair

**12/03 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Christmas Dinner – again an excellent evening with 74 over 60s attending. We have received many thanks to OPRA for such a great time. A problem arose with the vegetables – not enough were put on tables – there were plenty still in hostess trolleys but the servers were not aware of this. Several items to be noted on lists for next year.
2. Fireworks - Sue said she had not heard from Pains and would follow this up. Several rockets were damaged. The secretary agreed to chase up Rob Bruckel re the ‘Poundmatch’.
3. Printer ink – it was agreed that we would in future print the heading on sheets in colour and then the rest of the letter in black, which should cut the cost of the coloured inks. Barry obtained a quote for printing the OPRA Newsletter professionally, this would be £98.00 and it was agreed that we would carry on printing them ourselves as this is much cheaper.
4. Badminton – it has been agreed by the Headteacher at Otterhampton School that the charge for the adult badminton group would be £20.00 per session and the fee the Junior Group would be charged £10.00 per session (2 terms only per year). Robert agreed to-draft a letter for agreement by the committee members and pass to Elizabeth Marriott to present to the group.

**12/04 CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence has been received.

**12/05 TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that cash held in OPRA accounts is as follows:

Bank Account £1270.55 Cash £398.72

100 Club £ 977.59 Savings £1929.72

The 100 Club now has 92 members plus another joining when bank received direct debit.

**12/06 OPRA PLAN**

Barry agreed to follow up the calling of a meeting of all organisations in Combwich to agree on the route to take.

**12/07 WALKS AND TALKS**

The next walk would take place on 22nd January.

The January talk will be given by the Local Finds Officer from Taunton Museum. The secretary has emailed Mervyn Brown for details of the February, March and April talks, so that details could be put in our Newsletter now being prepared/

**12/08 TRACTOR, BARN AND PAVILION**

Both the barn and pavilion will need to be tidied up when the weather is better. We have now acquired a heated serving trolley and members were asked to have a look at it and see if it would be suitable for our needs.

There is a coca cola fridge in the barn that does not work and the secretary was asked to contact the Council to see if we can have authority to dispose of it.

It was noted that the brazier was in need of urgent repair or replacement and Mike Gardener would make some enquiries.

**12/09 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

1. AGM - It was agreed to hold this at the Anchor at 7.30 pm on Friday, 16th March 2012. The format to be as last year, with a short meeting followed by skittles. Matt be asked to provide light refreshments. The invite letters should be ready for distribution at the beginning of March
2. Easter Activities – An Easter Egg Hunt will be held as usual on Good Friday (6th April) for the children of the parish. Easter Eggs will be ordered via Rob at our local store. Prizes for a raffle will be needed. Tina will ask Amy and David if they would like to prepare a Treasure Hunt route, in view of their excellent route last year.

A Quiz will be held on Easter Sunday (8th April) at the Anchor. Tina will ask Mary and Shaun if they will officiate as previously.

1. Queen’s Jubilee – 2nd to 5th June – it was agreed a committee independent of OPRA was needed to help this to ‘get off the ground’. Robert, Lyn and Tina said they would be interested. It was agreed to contact other groups with a view to setting up a working party.
2. Fete – this will be held on Saturday, 7th July. We will give some thought to the format and the secretary was asked to contact the Clown we had last time and also the Dancers.
3. Secretary to send a letter of thanks to ‘Buttercup’ for switching on a Christmas tree lights. Ray Howard certainly brightened up a miserably wet evening and it will be a hard act to follow.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 6th February 2012 at 8pm at The Anchor.

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

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Date………………………………………