**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 10th July 2013**

**At 32 Nursery Close, Combwich**

**PRESENT** Robert Palmer (Chair) Sue Francis (Treasurer)

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Barry Leathwood

Lyn Palmer (100 Club)

Tina Gardener (arrived 8.30 after another meeting)

**13/32 APOLOGIES** None

**13/33 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2013, were approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**13/34 MATTERS ARISING**

(i) OPRA Talks – 2 emails sent to Mervyn Brown re talks for 2013 and 2014 but no response received as yet. The Secretary asked to contact Di Davie to book the following dates (ie 3rd Thursday)

2013 – 19th September, 17th October, 21st November

2014 - 16th January, 20th February, 20th March

Also contact Mervyn with the confirmed dates and ask for details of speakers as soon as possible in order that we may include them in our Newsletter due end of August/beginning of September.

(ii) BBQ – Robert and Lyn have been to see the BBQ offered to OPRA by Jean and Graham Webb, and confirmed it is in perfect condition and have agreed to have I on behalf of OPRA. We need to collect it from their home and dispose of the old one. Lyn will contact Jacqui to see if Brian is available to collect it with Barry.

(iii) Tractor – Insurance has been paid for the next 12 months..

**13/35 CORRESPONDENCE**

i) Letter from Little Otters Pre-School asking for help towards a coach to take Little Otters to Puxton Park for the day. OPRA agreed to donate £150.00 towards the coach and a cheque was prepared during the meeting..

**13/36 TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer reported that the following monies were held:

Bank £452.20 Cash £189.47

100 Club£107.97 Savings £2822.84

The following cheques have been drawn:

Chq. No.

22083 OVH hall hire – Chat & Chill £ 45.00

22083 OVH hall hire – talk 20/11 12.75

22083 OVH hall hire – talk 27/11 12.75

22084 Talk – Ewart Walker – 13/2 40.00

22085 Junior badminton – 4 weeks 40.00

22086 OVH hall hire – Talk – Jan 12.75

22086 OVH hall hire – Chat & Chill – Jan 13 27.00

22087 90 Easter Eggs 135.00

22088 1st Prize Easter Egg 8.00

22090 AGM cheese & skittles 35.00

22091 Yellow ink 46.13

22092 Laminating pouches 7.99

22092 Wine prizes – Easter Quiz 38.00

22092 Wine for G. Wigley –Web site thank you 19.98

22093 Diesel – tractor 25.00

22094 Rent for barn 200.00

22095 OVH hall hire Chat & Chill 36.00

22096 BWBSL 9.98

22097 OVH hall hire – Talks February & March 25.50

22098 Materials for painting pavilion 30.99

22099 Tractor parts 52.30

22100 Tractor Insurance 104.62

100 Club

The 100 Club accounts have been audited by Mr Valentine-Jones and 2 bottles of wine were given

to him as a ‘thank you’.

**13/37 BARN, PAVILION AND TRACTOR**

The pavilion has been painted and it was felt that a second coat would be needed. It was also tidied up. There is quite a bit of wood and it was agreed to ask Simon Briggs to sort out the wooden stakes etc. needed for the fireworks. The rest could then be disposed of.

It was further agreed to contact Tim Bates re the pavilion reroofing. Barry agreed to do this and it was felt that a maximum cost of £400.00 be agreed to.

Secretary to contact Somerset Waste Partnership to arrange the required licence to take cash register, fridge, etc. to the tip.

**13/38 AUTUMN EVENT**

Tina has been in touch with Apple County about the possibility of a Race Evening in September/October. It would cost between £200 and £250 to hire all the equipment for the evening. Tina outlined how the evening would work and suggested that perhaps it could be held at the Anchor and we provide a supper. Apple County would provide programmes and if we can organise sponsors at say £25.00, which would be advertised on the programme, this could cover the cost..

Possible dates suggested were: 21st September, 5th October and 12th October.

Sponsors suggested: Anchor, Steven Chinn, Blackmore Farm, Yeo Valley, Post Office, Nick Tester, Juliet Payne, Village Market, Brown’s Hair, EDF, Balfour Beatty.

Also to contact Cricketers Farm re donation of cheese.

**13/39 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 4th September 2013 at the Anchor.

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