**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 4th September 2013**

**At The Anchor Inn**

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

 Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Barry Leathwood

 Lyn Palmer (100 Club) Tina Gardener

 Jacqui Sparks

 **13/40 APOLOGIES** None

 **13/41 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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

 **13/42 MATTERS ARISING**

 (i) Newsletter – Barry has emailed draft of Newsletter to committee. Various amendments/alterations were agreed and it was hoped to print it at the weekend.

(ii) BBQ – The barbecue donated by Mr and Mrs Webb has been collected and is now in the barn. A letter of thanks has been sent.

Jacqui asked if she may borrow it on Sunday for a foster carer’s event. This was agreed.

 **13/43 CORRESPONDENCE**

 (i) The Minutes of the Coffee Morning meeting were passed around.

 **13/44** **WALKS AND TALKS**

 Walks to take place on Sunday, 15th September and 20th October.

 Talks: 19th September – Mollie Bond – Wallis and the abdication – History with Spice.

 17th October – Barry to enquire whether WWT would be available to give a talk

 21st November – Val Bannister – Iceland Sagas

Mervyn Brown has not been able to book any other speakers for our talks and it was agreed that OPRA try and arrange speakers for the New Year – possible talk subjects ‘An Evening with (Jean and Mem), Dick and Rosie Best on ‘Being Vets).

**13/45 TREASURER’S REPORT**

The treasurer reported that the following monies were held:

 Bank £210.15 Cash £189.47

 100 Club£673.97 Savings £3233.10

It was noted that the Parish Council had not yet requested payment of the fireworks. Barry said he would remind the Parish Clerk.

**13/46 BARN, PAVILION AND TRACTOR**

Tina and Barry have recently tidied up the equipment stored in the pavilion. It was agreed that Mike Gardener and Jacqui take metal goods to the tip. A freezer was stored in the barn and was not needed by OPRA – agreed that Tina would take it to their garage and clean it and see if it worked efficiently. If so, agreed that Matt at The Anchor could have it.

Tim Bates has given quotes to repair the pavilion roof. It was agreed to accept a quote of £347.00 which is for good quality materials to be used. Barry to contact Tim Bates to confirm, and ask that repairs to be completed before the bad weather.

It was reported that BBQ gas bottles were stored in the pavilion and in Tina’s garage. Agreed that they be moved to the barn for safety.

It was noted that since the pavilion was painted, a large amount of graffiti has appeared – it was agreed that a reference to this be put in the Newsletter and ask for information about the ‘culprits’ and suggest they should come and paint the pavilion again.

The tractor is now ‘on its last legs’ and desperately needs to be replaced. Discussion took place and it was agreed that a used a sit-on mower could be purchased (approx. £3000+). It was agreed to ask the Parish Council help to fund this as and to make enquiries about selling the tractor which as a vintage model may be worth over £1000 and related equipment to help offset the amount required for a replacement. Robert agreed to draft a letter to the Parish Council.

**13/47 RACE NIGHT**

Letters were sent out on 29th August to hopeful sponsors. One Sponsor (Central Garage) has replied and enclosed a cheque for £25.00. It was agreed to chase letters next week. The cost of Apple County to organise equipment etc. will be £210.00. We need to let Apple County know sponsors details and names of horses by 23rd October in order for race cards to be printed. Tina agreed to lead on organising the Race night

Posters will be displayed in the village, indicating a start at 7.30 pm until 11 pm with a break for a ploughmans. Matt has agreed to allow us to use the kitchen at the Anchor to prepare the food.

Barry agreed to produce posters.

 **13/48**  **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 The following dates were agreed: Fireworks – 3rd November at 6 pm

 (Sue to order similar package as previously)

 Seniors Christmas Dinner – 7th December

 There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25thh September 2013 at the Anchor

 (single item agenda – RACE NIGHT).

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