**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th January at 7.30pm**

**32 Nursery Close**

**PRESENT**

Jacqui Sparks (Chair) Barry Leathwood (Vice Chair)

Ann Leathwood (Secretary) Bev Smith

Tina Gardener Melvyn Fooks

Sue Frances

**18/53 APOLOGIES** Felicity Ashworth, Di Davie, Mary Cornish

**18/54 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November2017, were approved and signed by the Chair.

**18/55 MATTERS ARISING**

Sarah Webb’s account for the lantern workshops and parade materials totalling £193.33 was received. Agreed this be paid and an additional £50 as a token of appreciation be paid to Sarah for all the time and effort into making this a very successful venture.

It was confirmed that OPRA would not be organising a Fete this summer. Barry reported that the Combwich Boat Club may be organising a regatta, including a gig race and OPRA may be approached to participate with on-shore activities. The committee agreed if the regatta went ahead we would be prepared to assist.

**18/56 CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Steart residents thanking OPRA for the Christmas tree. Three thank you cards and one email from attendees at the Christmas dinner thanking the committee for a very enjoyable evening.

**18/57 TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer reported the following financial report

.**Financial statement**

Bank account £235.89

Cash £186.43

100 Club £1642.05

Savings £3060.45

**Total £5124.82**

Agreed that £1000.00 be transferred from the 100 Club account to the bank account.

**18/58** **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Excellent feed back from those who attended the Christmas Dinner which was deemed a great success. Things to note for next year, less red wine needed (Tina to check), also less Christmas puddings (3 packs rather than 4).

The following day the Christmas Tree lights were switched on by Liz Brown. Thanks to Liz and also to Mike Gardener assisted by Melvyn and Barry who erected the tree.

**18/59** **AGM**

It was agreed that the AGM be held on Monday 19th March at the Anchor at 7.30pm. Agreed that the invites be prepared in advance in case the secretary was indisposed.

**18/60** **EASTER ACTIVITIES**

It was agreed the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Good Friday 30th March. Melvyn agreed to set the questions this year. 80 Easter Eggs will be ordered from the post office and Sue will purchase the large (first prize) egg.

The Easter Quiz will take place on Sunday 1st April at the Anchor. Tina agreed to contact Shaun and Mary.

**18/61 CIM FUND**

Short discussion on the possibility of a CIM application to replace the pavilion on the Common and also the OPRA mower. Tina will investigate.

**18/62 OTTER TALES**

Barry reported the difficulty he was having with the production of Otter Tales which is printed free of charge by Hinkley Point B station. These involve lack of quality control and delays in printing. He suggested with the potential availability of CIM funding, other options are possible, including commercial printing, or the purchase of printing facilities. These possibilities will be pursued with the parish council.

It was suggested that a tear off slip be included in the next edition asking for contact details including email addresses.

**18/63 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm on Wednesday 28th February 2018, venue to be decided.

Signed…………………………………… Date………………………..