**OTTERHAMPTON PARISH RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the OPRA Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 7pm**

**In the Anchor**

**PRESENT**

Tina Gardener (Chair)

Barry Leathwood (Vice Chair)

Ann Leathwood (Secretary)

Sue Francis (Treasurer)

Di Davie

Felicity Ashworth (by FaceTime)

Jacqui Sparks (for the last part of the meeting)

Melvyn Fooks

Bev Lang

**21/08 APOLOGIES** Mary Cornish

**21/09 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of 20th March 2021 (by zoom) were approved by the meeting and signed by the chair.

**21/10 Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

**21/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**21/12 FINANCE REPORT**

Bank Account £138.36

Cash in hand £177.03

100 Club £3063.05.

Savings £1682.94

Total £5061.38

Agreed that Felicity Ashworth and Di Davey become bank signatories and the necessary forms were completed.

**100 Club**

Ann reported that mainly due to people leaving the village the membership of the 100 Club was reduced from a 100 last quarter to 93 this quarter. It was agreed a letter be drafted by Sue to explain the benefits of the 100 Club to be delivered to new residents in the parish together with an application form.

**21/13 SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

The draft safeguarding policy was approved. Agreed all policies be reviewed every three years.

**21/14 FUTURE PROGRAMME**

**Walks** agreed a cream tea walk will be arranged (Tina will contact Aly to decide a date). Regular walks will resume on Sunday 25th July and 15th August

**Cricket Match** to be arranged for 14th or 21st August Tina to liaise with Murray’s parents. It was suggested that a bbq and cream tea, together with a children’s corner be arranged and also a stall to advertise the 100 Club.

**Scarecrow Competition** Felicity reported that she had been approached by Jennifer Kenn who wished to organise a scarecrow competition in the Autumn. All thought this was a good idea and it was agreed that Felicity and Tina meet with Jennifer to discuss it further.

**Village Talks** are to be arranged in the village hall once we know the availability of the hall as follows:

Local History (Barry to arrange)

WWT Steart Marshes (Di to arrange)

Bridgwater Harbour Master/Pilot (Sue to arrange)

EDF re Wharf (Tina to arrange)

**Firework Display** will be organised this year if conditions allow. Sue to check with Pains Fireworks re-availability and the implication of further covid restrictions. Bev reported that Steve Lang will be prepared to undertake the necessary training with Pains Fireworks.

**A Photographic Competition** is being considered. Bev will speak to Alice Liddle (photographer) for advice and report to the next meeting.

**Christmas** dinner will be held in the village hall on the Saturday 4th December. Details to be discussed at the next meeting.

**21/15 AGM**

Agreed to hold the AGM on Monday 27th September with the venue to be decided. As usual letters will be sent to all members 3 weeks in advance of the meeting.

**21/16 OPRA 21st ANNIVERSARY**

It was agreed that we should celebrate the 21st Anniversary of OPRA by holding an event on Saturday 9th October with a photo and poster display of activities over the years. Prosecco and cream tea will be served.

**21/17 NEW MOWER**

Tina reported that the new mower had been delivered and was performing very well. She expressed concern with the potential cost of insurance which related to being driven on the road from the Barn to the Common. This will be resolved when the replacement pavilion is built to house the mower. The old mower has now been sold for £2000.

**21/18 PAVILION**

Tina agreed to supply Melvyn with a map of the area and dimensions of the container so that detail plans can be drawn up prior to a planning application being submitted.

**21/19 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

No other business and the meeting concluded at 8.35pm.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

To be arranged.

Signed…………………………………… Date………………………..