

# Worthys Festival 2017

## **AGM Meeting** (7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting)

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at the Worthy's Sports and Social club

**Present:** Chair of the meeting: Sarah White(SW)

Secretary: Dorry Lawlor (DL)

Jane Rutter (JR) Davie Alexander (DA), Robin Cook(RC), Paul Blythin (PB)  
Dan Conroy (DC) Malcom Prince (MP) Sim Gofton (SG) Rob Fellows (RG) Louisa Fellows (LF)

**Apologies :** Jackie Porter, Paul McKenna, Julie Mitton, Dave Woolford, Alison Woolford, Phil Allen, Denis Welstead, Susie Phillips, Kasey Clements, Sarah and Cliff McClelland, Lorna Murray, Tom Andrew Power

DW has offered to ask Winchester Rotary for their assistance once again in Marshalling on the night of the firework display.

**Minutes from AGM meeting 2015** – these were agreed and signed.

### **Chairman's Report**

There continues to be many useful and valuable discussions regarding various events for the Festival. After some hurdles, we are making progress with help on the committee, it is good to now have volunteers for the Treasurer's post and for help with obtaining sponsorship from local businesses. Thank you to all for giving of their time

### **Treasurers Report (Given by SW in Treasurer's absence):**

Current balance is £1223.53 (website fees of £11.99/mth still to be paid to JR/SW)

### **Election of Officers:**

Chairperson: Sarah White

Secretary: Dorry Lawlor

Treasurer: Sim Gofton

All by unanimous vote

Other Committee members

Social Media Co-Ordinator: Phil Allen

Sponsorship Champion : Casey Clements

Health and Safety Officer: Bill Morrison

Malcom Prince

Davie Alexander

In addition to Dorry Lawlor and Sarah White being added as signatories, as per June meeting, it was agreed that

the new treasurer Sim Gofton would be added and we would retain Jane Rutter and Malcolm Prince, giving 5 in total, 2 to sign for cheques.

SW and SG to meet with Lorna Murray (outgoing treasurer) to organise this with the bank  
Thanks are due to Lorna for all her hard work over the last 3 years

### **Constitution**

SW distributed copies of the constitution and proposed two changes –

“The objects of the Festival shall be:

- to promote all community groups and organisations in the area known as The Worthys (Headbourne Worthy, Kings Worthy and Abbots Worthy) for the benefit of the inhabitants of the area;” – the names of the individual villages to be removed, to allow encompassing of Martyr Worthy residents or those just outside the settlements

7.(iv) “It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to chair all meetings or a designated deputy in his/her absence. All meetings must be minuted and accessible to the whole community via the Community Website – [www.theworthys.org.uk](http://www.theworthys.org.uk).” – to change this to “the Festival website [www.worthysfestival.com](http://www.worthysfestival.com) with links from other community sites where possible

All were in agreement with these proposals

As per section 9 of the Constitution, members should be given 28 days notices of any proposed changes. We therefore agreed to publish the proposed changes with the minutes of this (AGM) meeting, to be voted on at the next meeting

**Marquee:** Various options and prices for a Marquee were discussed. It was agreed to put any decision on hold until we were a bit clearer on incoming monies from local businesses. To be rediscussed at the next meeting

**Flyers:** It was agreed that Flyers advertising the Festival should be put together for distribution along with the Parish Council newsletter in February 2017. **JR** has agreed to give advice on design for this, the programme and banners, provided the information is provided by others.

**Jazz on the Green:** We are still to find an overall organiser for this, in particular in regards to childrens activities. **JR** suggested that Kings Worthy Pre-school be contacted as an option

Suggestions were made to increase the attraction of the event; the Madding Crowd is a possibility, but they do make a charge, Winchesters School of Performing Art, and/or Morris Dancers were put forward. It was discussed that most contributors to the Festival provide their services for free and ideally although infrastructure such as staging/marquee etc would have to be funded, we would prefer not to have to pay for performers

**Fireworks:** Although discussed there was still no decision able to be firmly made on the site for these, until it is known what is happening in regard to the King Charles pub.

**Website:** Updates are being made and the Facebook page is now live.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>. The venue will be forwarded as soon as decided.

**Next meeting** to be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Worthies Sports and Social club

Meeting ended 20.30.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and informal chat