

# Worthy's Festival Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the Worthy's Sports and Social club

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

Secretary: Dorry Hudson (DH)

Paul Blythin(PB), Alison Skillen, Fred Phillips (FP), Dave Alexander, Mandy Hallisey (MH)

Apologies : Malcolm Prince, Jackie Porter, Paul McKenna, Kasey Clements, Jo Lowres, Tom Andrew Power, Dan Conroy, David Woolford, Alison Woolford, Phil Allen, Jane Rutter, Rob Fellows, Paul Young.

**Minutes from AGM meeting** (Tuesday November 2016) agreed and signed.

**Treasurers Report (Given by SW in the absence of a treasurer) :**

Current balance is £1,200.00, (there is an ongoing monthly expense of £11.99 for the website.)

**Chairmans Report:**

Due to other work commitments Sim has had to stand down from the treasurer's post, Alison Skillen has agreed to take over – all in favour. Alison also replaces Suzie Phillips on the committee, as the SSE/Connecting Kings Worthy rep.

We are still looking for someone to organise Kids Activities. If anyone would like to volunteer, or knows of anyone who would be willing to do this, please let SW know.

SW has spoken to the manager at the Cart and Horses in regard to doing a Beer Tent on Church Green for the Jazz Festival.

The church ladies have agreed to serve tea etc on the Saturday afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend.

We need someone to co-ordinate the Pimms Stall... DH is willing to consider this.

**Constitution:**

All changes agreed on as discussed at the previous meeting

**Matters Arising /Main Events**

**Street Parties**, SW said we need a volunteer/s to look into organising these. DH said she would discuss this with SW.

**Fireworks:** Barcardi are not sponsoring the Fireworks this year, and the future of the King Charles is uncertain.

DA suggested having the firework display on Eversley Park. The other attendees agreed that this would be a good consideration, if funds allow

However DA did comment that as Sunday would be a quieter night did we want the Fireworks along with the Music Festival on the Saturday. We discussed that it would be good to have some kind of Finale on the Sunday, but the precise nature to be determined on funds etc

SW said that Skanska have made no promise of money, but have offered manpower. SSE are coming back to us on funding for the marquee.

SW is going to ask WCC, HCC and the Parish Councils for a grant.

MH suggested approaching A2 Dominion (Housing Association) to ask for a donation.

### **Health Walk**

SW met with WCC to discuss the Health Walk, which would be great if we could launch during Festival week. This will be advertised via the Parish Council

### **T Shirts:**

Festival T Shirts, cost approx. £700 for each Festival held. It was discussed whether these are a necessity, and agreed by attendees that they were a costly lay out and not a necessary purchase this year. If funds allow we may consider tabards with no year on for use by Festival volunteers that could then be re-used in future years

### **Photographer**

The need to pay a professional photographer was discussed.

The general feeling is that the cost of this may be unnecessary, as plenty of photographs could still be taken throughout the festival by committee members using their own phone or cameras, as well as the proposed public photo competition.

### **Sound System**

It was suggested by PB that some neighbours of his, be approached re a PA system.

### **Conservation Volunteers:**

It was suggested that the Conservation Volunteers be asked if they will hold a demonstration on how to build houses for wildlife.

### **Food**

AS suggested that children from the local school be asked if they could make cakes and serve tea and coffee.

The general feeling is that we need to look into providing 'cheap and cheerful' food, which will be affordable for families attending the festival.

DA has offered to make enquiries regarding the Worthy Down chef using the WSSC BBQ.

### **Marquee**

Costs to date on Marquee is that 3 Capri tents can be hired at a cost of £2,000 which includes trestle tables and chairs.

1 oblong is an extra £400

There are fancy Teepees at a cost of £3,500. It was suggested that we ask both companies for a better rate

### **Future Meetings**

It was suggested that for now we have a meeting every 2 months and for them to be held on a Wednesday night, as some members having other commitments on a Tuesday.

Next meeting to be decided and members will be emailed with date.

Meeting ended at 20.55.