

Worthys Festival

Minutes Annual General Meeting

Friday 9th November 2018 at **7.30pm**

VENUE: **Worthies Sports and Social Club, Kings Worthy**

1. Chair welcomes all to the AGM

Present: Sarah White(SW); Duncan Rutter(DR); Michael Laskowski(ML); Jo Brain(JB); Gill Froude(GF); Rob Fellows(RF); Jane Rutter(JR); Tory Finch(TR); Caterina Zucca(CZ); Phil Allen(PA); Rec Paul Bradish(PB); Jackie Porter(JP); Lee Welden(LW); Paul Casumore(PC)

Apologies from Fred Philips; Alison Skillen; Paul Young; Sue Tinkler

2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting 7th November 2018 – proposed as accurate by Duncan Rutter, seconded by Rob Fellows – approved
3. Treasurer's report and statement of accounts – November 2017 opening balance £1588.68, income of £25, expenditure of £352 giving a closing balance of £1261.68
4. Chairman's Report – JR expressed thanks to the Sports and Social club for once again hosting our meeting and also to Sarah White and Alison Skillen, Secretary and Treasurer, and to all the committee for their work. She summarised that the 1st weekend for next years Festival would be a departure from the norm., having more open events around the village and the bigger events being mainly confined to the 2nd Eversley weekend, possibly including the fireworks/finale in the same venue.

New events include the Open Village Day - including Open Church, a possibility of Worthy Down tours, the Golf Academy and the Listed barn and Stables of Upper Farm, Down Farm Lane, Men's Shed, Church Paddock Fishery amongst others and the Winchester Coffee Roasters and Primary school are looking to have open events during the week.

The 2nd new idea is community picnics, rather than street parties in various sites around the village including Kings Barton.

The key issues we have at present is that of sponsorship, having lost 2 of our big sponsors SSE and Bacardi. JR is approaching smaller businesses around the village asking for around £500 each to cosponsor the big events. Winchester Golf Academy and Myers Touch have so far agreed to do this. Jane expressed her heartfelt thanks for their support of the Festival. Other suggestions for sponsors are very welcome

5. Confirmation of officers:

- Chair – Jane Rutter
 - Treasurer – Alison Skillen
 - Secretary – Sarah White
6. Other committee members:
- Vice-Chair
 - Social Media co-ordinator
 - Sponsorship champion
 - Health and Safety Officer – Phil Allen
 - Other members

We talked about needing more help in regards to Social Media. ML pointed out that his dog, Winston the Great Dane, has his own Instagram account, and would be keen to promote the Festival. It was also suggested that we ask Dan Conroy to help

7. Adoption of constitution as amended at last AGM – accepted by all.
8. Further plans for 2019 Festival

SW confirmed run down of planned week

Open Day Saturday 14th as previously discussed – possibly including Mervyns/King Alfred buses to Worthy Down and around the village if grant available

Evenings of Friday 13th/Saturday 14th Worthy Players Radio Show

Sunday 15th Open Gardens, Community Picnics, awaiting Worthy Local History Group confirmation of plans

Evening – Winchester Theatre Arts will do a production – option for the Festival Committee to run a bar

Couple of Jazz evenings – to confirm with Paul Blythin that he will be able to help with organising these

Tuesday – Scouts and Guides campfire

Wednesday – Quiz evening

Friday evening – Ceilidh + Big Band – start of beer and cider festival / food festival

Saturday – Craft/Festival Run/Music Festival

Sunday – Flower, Fruit and Produce (it was requested that we promote this nice and early in the year this time), Dog Show, Jazz in the Marquee

Gardeners Questions – JP suggested that it can be a bit daunting showing ignorance at these kind of events - some gardening talks with questions may work better

We had previously discussed the idea of River Cottage doing a demonstration. SW asked if First Bite may be an option for this. Various others agreed – SW to speak to Charlotte Smith who organised this with the church's lunch club over the summer

Possible flower arranging demonstration – GF suggested we ask church flower arranging team to help

Some kind of educational walk through the New Park

Consider cycle events to chase Worthy Wheelers and ask Paul Young – maybe 2 types of cycle ride

To investigate Children's Crafts at some point through the weekend

Funfair events through Saturday and Sunday

Food options – we discussed how we would charge for this – could consider asking for bids to hold stalls – choices may include unusual options and not just highest bidder. Other options would be to ask for a deposit, or need to place a programme advert as per last year

Fireworks – no commitment to funding from King Charles as yet, so investigating option of holding these within school ground, keeping the crowds in Eversley

9. AOB – JR keen for help with design of programme – to ask Sue Tinkler for advice and perhaps also Alison Skillen re map

We have been approached by a Face painter keen to help over the Eversley Weekend

Also we have had contact from Solent City Chorus – Barber shop type group – details to be passed to Dan Conroy

10. Date and venue for next meeting: Wednesday 6th February 8pm in Sports and Social Club table tennis room if available

Formal meeting closed at 9pm