



RIPPINGALE FEAST 2015

NOTES OF MEETING HELD 17th February 2015 7.30 p.m.

The Willows Training Room, by kind permission of Amrit Khaira

1. **Welcome:** Chris Petz welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Present:** Janet McNeil, Mike Hallas, Denny Watmore, John & Judith Tyler, Phil Rippingale, John Warman, Ginger Flatters, Bev Machin, Jonathan Newell
3. **Apologies:** Debi Palmer, Chris Bladon, Joan Tarrant, Lynne Hall, Chas Mayhew
4. **Notes from last meeting and 5. Matters arising:**
 - a. **Blackthorn Indians:** Chris P has been in contact with the group and it appears that there has not been the level of communication which we believed. Chris is going to contact them and, hopefully, arrange a meeting to iron out any difficulties.
 - b. **Geocache Project:** We believe that the Bourne florists, "Joy of Flowers" is heavily involved in "Geocaching" Jim is going to contact them with the idea of initiating a local geocache exercise, possibly during a week or two around Feast time and aimed at the younger element of the village.
 - c. **Programme Design:** Judith has been in contact with Lucinda but no progress has been made. We are now exploring other avenues with the aim of producing a positive report at the next meeting.
 - d. **Scout Tents:** The scouts are intending to erect their redundant tents later in the year for them to be viewed prior to a decision being made re acquisition.
 - e. **Burns Supper Cancellation:** Not a lot of time was spent on this item as the outcome was self explanatory. The cost of the cancellation was questioned. Costs were a) band cancellation fee - £250:00 b) Publicity printing – minimal.

6: Forthcoming Events

a) Car Boot Sale: Final details were agreed upon.

Date 4 April

Chas Mayhew will take bookings as usual.

Pitches are £5:00. Set-up 12:00 – Buyers 1:00pm

Mowing of the field has been arranged

Hot dog/burger van has been arranged – van will also sell hot drinks

Ginger and John Tyler will deal with parking

b) Son of a Gun Dance Night

Date 30 May

Tickets £10:00 to include Fish & Chip Supper

Denny & Janet to arrange Fish & Chip van -- food at 9:00pm

Raffle prizes needed

Band cost £150:00 (This is a special price as a gesture of support for a village event)

Costings are based upon 100 tickets.

Hefty publicity is needed for this event ie Posters, Leaflet Door Drop, Press Releases.

Phil and Bev will arrange posters etc, Jim will handle press releases, Jonathan is willing to do as much leafletting as is needed.
Final details will be agreed at the next meeting.

7: Feast Weekend Update and Arrangements

Arrangements in place are:

- Sleaford Concert Band
- Line Dancing Demonstrations
- Judo Displays
- Fairground Rides
- Falconry Display
- “Train” Rides
- WI Tea Tent
- Fly Past request has been registered.

Further catering: Decision was made to book the Hot Dog/Burger van which will be used at the car Boot Sale.

Hopefully, Steve Hall can arrange cars for the parade

Dance on the Saturday night is with Peterborough band – The Guards

In keeping with the loose American theme, we intend to serve a Cowby Supper of Beans, Bacon and Mash.

More details to be firmed up at the next meeting.

8: Financial Update

As nothing has taken place, there is no change from the Financial Report at the previous meeting.

9: Feast – Future Years

Chris P. wanted to make it clear that he would be stepping down from the chair after the next Feast. He has written, informally, to the Village Hall Committee ask if they would consider taking over the Feast management if no-one expresses an interest in leading the group. Currently, the VH Committee are in a state of flux and, although they are not dismissing the notion, entirely, are not certain they are in a position to take the extra responsibility on board.

It was decided that an article should be placed in the next Village Newsletter seeking interest from any individuals who would be keen to take on the leadership.

7: AOB .

In the absence of any other business the meeting was closed.

8: Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd March, 7.30pm at the Willows