

## **Minutes of Feast meeting 1st August 2016**

**Present:** Phil Rippingale (PR), Janet McNeill (JM), Mike Hallas (MH), Chris Bladon (CB), Chas Mayhew (CW), Bryony Harrison (BH) John Warman (JW), Jim Latham (JL), Phil Palmer (PP), Debbie Melbourne(DB) Denny Watmore (DW), John Scholes (JS), Jonathan Newell (JN), Bev Machin (BM).

**1.Apologies:** Chris Petz (CP), Megan Mann (MM), Joan Tarrant (JT), Richard Shuttlewood (RS).

### **2. Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising:**

- JM queried whether the Wimbledon Umpire had chosen the Rose Queen. PR said that this was the case.
- 75 commemorative cups ordered and all but 3 have been sold.
- No further action on possible finance from the community fund.
- There were no incidents for the First Aiders to deal with at the Party.
- The grass was cut at the Church and on the Village Green.

### **3. 2016 Street Party review:**

a) Feedback: Three positive written reviews were given by Eric Page, Derek Diess and the Parish Council. All expressed their appreciation for the hard work carried out by the committee members. Verbal feedback was given to JL by former Rippingale resident John Osbourne, who now lives in Australia. He found the street party to be quite an emotional experience for him and he was appreciative of everyone's efforts.

b) Street Champions: The street champion's social event was very enjoyable and PR felt it would be good to have regular social events to keep the street champions involved and interested. JM mentioned that they had been recruited on the basis of the street party only, and some would not be interested in continuing in the role. JM agreed to ask MM to send out an email to all street champions to see who is willing to continue, and bring a list of names to the AGM in September. JL felt it was useful to have the contact details of the street champions, as they held 'local knowledge'. Some discussion ensued around the legal position of keeping details of residents names, addresses etc. PR has contact details of people who regularly volunteer help for specific events (putting up marquees etc). This information should be available for the next committee to use.

c) Lessons to be learnt:

i) Equipment hire: More tables would have been helpful rather than using extra tables borrowed from other people. The Portaloos were used, but not by many, as people used the Bull toilets. The street signs were good. It was agreed that using the area near the Bull for the party worked very well. The atmosphere was very sociable – could this area be used for a future Feast?

ii) Entertainment: The clown was very good, entertaining the residents all afternoon. The Punch and Judy shows were well received by the children but the performances were very slow and we wouldn't book P and J again. MH said that entertainment for future Feasts needed to be decided on and booked by October, as artists get booked up very quickly. Some discussion took place about a

future Feast versus Party, but it was agreed that the Party was a special one-off event, whereas the Feast could take place every year. The Feast could make money, whereas the Party was not a fund raising event.

#### **4. Finance.**

The finance report was discussed; this showed that, after 2016 fund-raising and expenditure on the Street Party, the overall balance in the Feast account is £1,183. With already-planned fundraisers, it is expected that the end-of-year balance will be in the region of £2,000. The Parish Council has asked PR and MH to meet with them to discuss the Feast finance as it comes under the banner of the Parish Council. However, MH pointed out that the funds belong to the Feast committee and we are responsible for using the funds appropriately. Money has been raised by the village and should be spent on village events. PR to clarify our financial relationship with the Parish Council at their working party meeting on 18th August. PR to discuss this with Lawrie Parncutt prior to the meeting. There was discussion as to whether the Parish Council might be asked if they wanted to buy the road signs purchased for the Party, as a village amenity. If they do, we could reclaim the VAT on them. JW said the signs could be amended so that other villages could hire them for similar events. PR to discuss ownership and clarify VAT payments for the signs at the Parish Council meeting.

#### **5. Grand Draw.**

Cash prizes will be: £100 1st prize, £50 2nd prize. BM to approach Grange Spa, Waterside and other contacts to try and secure further prizes. PR to approach shops in Bourne – anyone else who has contact with businesses or shops to ask too.

PR to ask Sheila Scholes if she is still willing to be the promoter, as in the past. PR to design the tickets and to liaise with Fovia re printing. 1000 tickets at £1 per ticket to be produced. Last year about 600 tickets were sold. Tickets to be ready by 1st September. The draw will take place on Sat 12th November at the Race Night in the village hall. Ticket sales to be reviewed at the end of September – all committee member asked if they would be willing to sell tickets door to door. The street champions may also be able to help with this. Dave to be asked to sell tickets behind the bar provided that this does not conflict with any fundraiser he may wish to run at the Bull.

#### **6. Upcoming events.**

a) Quiz. Sunday 25th September. It will be called 'The Ultimate Quiz' and posters will be placed round the village in 3 weeks time. Quiz starts at 7.30pm – doors open at 7pm, to finish by 10pm. People to bring own food/snacks for interval – drinks available at the bar. CB to organise the raffle and will ask JuT to help. Prizes needed please.

b) Flossie Malavialle – Saturday 15th October. PR to check costs with CP before setting ticket price. People to bring own food. CB to organise a raffle. DW offered to help her.

c) Race Night – Sat 12th November. Fish and chip supper during interval. JM to check price and see if the Morton van is available on the night. CP has all details about the Race Night and has asked Steve Harrison to help.

JL offered to put on a talk called 'Behind the Mike'. This may now have to happen in the new year. New committee to take this one forward.

**7. Set date of AGM and date of next meeting.**

**AGM to take place in the coffee area at the Bull on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm.**

This will be followed by the next Feast committee meeting at 8pm. The AGM will be advertised in the newsletter, the Bull and round the village.

**8. AOB's**

PR would like to thank the church for the lovely service on the day of the street party. It made a lovely end to a great day.