

Minutes of Feast meeting 11th April 2017

Present: Phil Rippingale (PR), Janet McNeill (JM), Chris Bladon (CB), John Warman (JW), Chris Petz (CP), Simon Goode (SG), Bryony Harrison (BH), Glenys Petz (GP) Jonathan Newell (JN)

1. Apologies: Denny Watmore (DW) Chas Mayhew (CM), Jim Latham (JL), Mike Hallas (MH)

2. Minutes of last meeting – matters arising:

a. Grand Draw. All stubs have been checked and Mr Pick now has his £100 prize.

3. 2017 Feast

i) Activities, entertainments etc. CP has been in touch with the Exotic Pet Refuge and they have agreed to come but will confirm nearer the time.

Tug of War – Although Mrs Pick (29 High Street) offered the use of their rope, PR has a suitable rope which is marked with a line in the middle. Local organisations/pubs will be invited to enter a team nearer the time.

Egg throwing – a team game involving catching a (raw) egg.

Slow bicycle race – the one who gets the finishing line *last*, without losing their balance on the way wins.

Spalding Marching Ambassadors – For £200 they have agreed to lead the parade and do a marching display during the afternoon. They may bring between 12-20 people.

Delaine bus – PR to call them to confirm.

Guides/scouts – PR to contact to see if they will be attending/are able to help.

Coconut shy – ‘Geordie Mike’ has a coconut shy but will need a volunteer to run it. JM to ask round village.

Bran tub – JN and BH to organise and run this on behalf of the church. JM to ask if we can use DW’s plastic tubs again. CB suggested looking in 3 Counties charity shop for the odd prize.

Tombola – 3 Counties to organise a tombola.

Train Game – PR has this - JM to ask round village for a volunteer to run it.

Hook -a-duck – JM has all the things - JM to ask round village for a volunteer to run it.

Splat the Rat – PR has this - JM to ask round village for a volunteer to run it.

50-50 raffle – JM plus one to organise and run this.

Straw bale rolling – could a straw bale be obtained? Team game to see who can roll it to the line fastest.

ii) Catering. JM suggested asking the ice cream van that comes to the village every weekend if they would attend the Feast. CP to try and find out who the van belongs to.

iii) Field layout and management. CM and PR to organise. Requests for help will go out nearer the time. 27th June from 2pm and Wed 28th June all day will be erection days. John at the Bull to be approached re supplying bacon butties for the helpers.

iv) Rose Queen – A5 flier with information and the application form to be delivered to all houses. Tiara and sash to be provided for new Rose Queen.

v) Parade –PR produced a poster advertising the Classic Car parade to be sent to various clubs in the area. The poster is also on the Rippingale Face book page. The Spalding Marching Ambassadors and the Bourne Borderers will muster at 11am outside the pub to lead the classic vehicles and village folk to the playing fields at 12 o'clock. The decorated bicycles will also be in the parade.

vi) Feast Programme – It was decided to produce a scaled down A4 programme – less work and fewer sponsors needed.

vii) Competitions – WI to run 7 different competitions – Photography (Lincolnshire village – IM to judge), Flower arranging, Baking a tea loaf, Jam/marmalade, Wine/Cordial, Craft, Birthday card (10 years and under). Fancy Dress and decorated bicycle to be organised by CP and GP on an American theme. The decorated bicycle must be able to be ridden.

4. 2017 Pre-Feast Social Events.

i) Jim Latham talk – A vote of thanks from the committee to Jim for the very amusing, well-attended talk at the Bull on 21st March.

ii) Oompah band night – Sat 17th June. 100 tickets are already printed. Poster is up in the village hall. 30 tickets requested by Colin Gray (VH). 70 tickets must be sold to break even. Wendy Gray to produce the buffet at cost. CB to organise raffle, with one or two prizes on a German theme. A suggestion was put forward to decorate the hall with yellow, black and red table covering/cocktail stick German flags?

5. AOB's. What will happen after this year's Feast? PR will resign as chairman. If new committee members and a new chairman don't come forward, there is little chance of a 2018 Feast. PR to put this message in the village newsletter.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 8th May at 7.30 in the Bull.