

HADLOW DOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Friday, 11th March at Ailsa, Waghorns Lane, Hadlow Down 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Bob Lake (BL), Sarah Prall (SP), Fiona Shafer (FS), John Thompson (JohnT), Janet Tourell (JT),

1. APOLOGIES: Rachel Lewis

2. MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17.2.22

These were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

BL reported on progress with discussion of Section 106 with Michael Lunn. A meeting to be arranged between BL, ML and Sally Blyfield (Village Hall Chair) to discuss.

BL will let Committee know the outcome.

All Committee felt that the AGM had gone well and that now we needed to work towards starting work in May.

ACTION: BL to chase MJB

Race Night – BL said that arrangements were coming together.

Re. Volunteering Plan. BL had spoken to Simon Fake about Ollie contacting friends about volunteering and received a positive reaction.

Re. posting on web site

Action: JT to send minutes of meetings to SP for web site

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

JThom reported on HDCC's finances; currently there is £10,236.00 in the account with an additional £134 cash in hand.

5. HDCA AGMs:

BL thanked JohnT and SP for their help with the AGM.

In the light of what was discussed in the Combined AGMs meeting BL said that he thought the VH Committee and the HDCC should meet.

SP felt that Sally Blyfield's VH report regarding the current state of the old hall made the case for a new hall being built.

FS thanked SP for liaising with Sally regarding a meeting with the HDCC

6. RACE NIGHT:

John T reported that he was sorting out the videos of the races and the related cards. The Committee thanked him for this work.

BL said that all the races had been sold at £50 each and nearly all the horses were sold – this will raise a further £320.

BL discussed the three auction items:

1. Jane Hissey had offered one of her 'Old Bear' illustrations for the auction. FS said that there should be a reserve price placed on it.

ACTION: SP to research the value.

2. FS had written to Ridgeview for a 'Taster & Tour' voucher. SP asked what the value of the voucher is.
3. BL said that there would be tickets for two for the T20 cricket match at Hove.

BL said that Rob Hunter had offered a bottle of sparkling wine for each owner of the winning horses.

It was decided that there should be publicity about the HDCC project on every table to highlight what the Committee is trying to do and how much money needs to be raised.

Who should be on the bar? SP said that she had asked Sara Braker about the possibility of her daughter helping but she wasn't sure. BL said that Glenys and Elyse also had offered to do the bar. There was also the possibility of Bob and Glenys's neighbours' two sons helping – he will ask.

BL said that Guy had ordered 72 pints of Harveys Best and 36 pints of IPA and that they had arranged with Jane Griffiths to have access to the hall at 3.30 pm on Friday afternoon to set up the beer barrels.

It was decided by the Committee that there would be red and white wine plus prosecco, lager, and soft drinks

ACTION: SP to get 3 cases of prosecco, and 2 each of red and white wine from either the Hurstwood Inn or from Majestic

BL said that the Variety Club glasses would be used and the tumblers belonging to the Village Hall – JT to make sure that there are enough.

JohnT said that he would set up a card reader account. SP asked if we could claim Gift Aid on the bar?

JohnT will organise floats.

Raffle – JT will sell the Raffle tickets £5 per strip, she will provide the raffle tickets – JohnT to provide float

Parking – BL and JT reported that Nigel Helliwell had agreed to allow the hardstanding on his field for the evening - JohnT to arrange lighting in Hall Lane. Simon Fake was to be asked to steward. JT pointed out that all guests would need torches.

On each table – there would be publicity on each table about the Community Centre project as well as information about Gift Aid and the HDCC Newspaper. During the interval there would be a short promotional video.

ACTION: SP to organise the Gift Aid leaflet and the video.

FS queried whether we would have a timetable - BL said it was difficult to do as the races vary in length and it will depend on how many people are available to operate the Tote. Of slight concern, BL said there was no-one to do the Tote at the moment.

ACTION: BL to look at guidelines for the Tote and finalise Tote volunteers. There would be a first place pay out only and 50% will go to HDCC and 50% shared amongst the winning punters.

Food: Julian and Sam Michaelson-Yeates and Clara Thompson were doing the chilli, rice etc

Cornettos would be served for dessert. FS suggested that a sorbet could be serving option for anyone not wanting Cornetto.

BL said that each person responsible for their table should check on dietary intolerances.

ACTION: FS to get the sorbet.

ACTION: SP to get Cornettos

The M.C. for the evening would be BL

Clara and JohnT to put the Race Night banner on the Smyths' fence

ACTION: Publicity on Facebook would be required once again.

7. PARISH VOLUNTEERING PLAN:

BL reported on the Parish Council meeting. The many ideas put forward were discussed by the Committee. There was to be another meeting on the 14th March to finalise arrangements.

BL and FS said that they were a bit puzzled as [a] how much the grant was and [b] what were the criteria?

FS said that she felt that the HDCC should try to keep things simple and BL thought that maybe the money could be used on P.R. with a view to retaining and providing training support for our current volunteers.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

SP – the website is owned by HDCC and we are free to shape it in any way that we see fit.

JohnT perhaps to create a new page? Possibly make Lottery easier to access?

BL and SP to meet Jules Sherwood – fundraiser soon.

ACTION: SP to forward letter to JT

ACTION: BL to give SP update re Section 106

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 22nd April at Gill Hope Farm, 7.30 pm