



**Minutes of Committee Meeting 24th January 2017
at The Old Plough, Braunston at 8pm**

Present: Sue Harrison, Chris Sanderson, Trines Ward, John Pomfret

Apologies: Terry Tatham, Liz Fraser, Denise & Terry Waddleton, Eric & Alison Baker, Chris and Hallam Congreve, Clare Sabin.

Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 17th November 2016 were approved as a true record.

Matters Arising.

None.

Correspondence

Fred Barnes had been in touch about a village celebration event on 6th May at the Village Hall asking if Twinners wanted to be involved - agrees yes. John Pomfret to respond asking for details to be sent to Clare when available.

Report on events

Christmas dinner

This had been held on 5th January and had been very successful, attended by 17 members. The meal was felt to have been good value. Thanks were recorded to Denise Waddleton for administering the bookings.

Marketing and membership

No report.

Finance report

The position remained very healthy with £2773.46 in the bank and £89.79 in cash - total £2863.25. This was a very healthy position for the time of year.

Chris Sanderson would draft a report regarding the NCC grant, including expenditure on school French club, displays and display stand, leaflets and subsidising children's visits to France. New banners were still to be ordered and would be accounted against this money.

QV 2017 visit – evening entertainment & day visit ideas

The French visitors would now be arriving on SATURDAY 29th April and departing TUESDAY 2nd May 2017.

Reception would be in the Gallie Room or the Wheatsheaf? Note that bar improvements were planned at the Wheatsheaf - John/Clare to check with Claire at the Wheatsheaf that works would not interfere with a reception there. Current booking for the Gallie Room on the Friday needed changing (Clare).

It was suggested that the coach trip out might be on the Sunday, helping any new hosts to get to know their visitors, with Monday involving a day with hosts plus a communal meal in the evening.

Visit options being looked at by the sub-committee included Black Country Museum, Bletchley Park, Oxford, Warner Edwards Distillery (Harrington), Coventry Cathedrals. Options for lunch needed to be investigated.

For the meal, Clare had identified a mediaeval banquet at Coombe Abbey that weekend but this was on the Saturday, so would not be practicable now dates were confirmed. Other options discussed were Huntsman (Dunchurch), Tarsus (Southam), Quigleys (Rugby), Barby Gun Club. Sue put forward the idea that, as she was catering for a wedding at Home Farm that weekend, it might be possible to keep the marquee, with long tables, heaters etc, up for



an extra day as a reasonable cost. She uses an outside caterer called Great Tasting. She would check if this would be a possible option - perhaps with a carvery or hog roast or pizza (oven). A band would be needed or a DJ (Sue uses Big Bopper; Rob Haynes also suggested). Toilet provision would also need costing. Sue noted that, as she will be busy with the wedding, she will not be available over the weekend. She could host but noted she is a little way out of the village.

Other names for hosts were suggested and will be approached.

Chris would email Annie Marre asking for numbers.

Coach parking needed to be arranged.

Sue can host but away from village

Mementos - Chris to investigate pen and pencil sets, alternatively key rings.

Future events

Tabletop sale

It was felt that, as finances were healthy and in view of adverse comments at the last sale, the limited time left to advertise the event and limited availability of organisers on potential dates, that the spring event should be cancelled and an event in summer should be investigated instead.

Spring quiz

The hall was booked for the quiz on April 1st.

Trines would enter negotiations with the church re loan of a wander microphone.

Food provision needed to be allocated. Sue was happy to do potato salad again. Also needed were ham, pickled onions, pickle, cucumber, tomatoes, cheese, baguettes - to be sorted at a later meeting.

Hall bookings summary

Saturday 11th March - provisional booking for the tabletop sale should be cancelled

Saturday 1st April - booked from 1830h for the quiz.

Friday 28th April – booked for reception of French visitors, this now needed changing to Saturday 29th or cancelling in favour of the Wheatsheaf after discussion with them.

Saturday 2nd December – provisionally booked for Christmas event TBA from 1200h-1700h

Any other business: None

Next planning meeting: 14th February 2017 at 2000h in The Old Plough

Visit sub-committee: 13th February 2017 at 2000h in the Wheatsheaf.