

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in Thorncombe Village Hall, 26 June 2012.

Present

President: Sheila Moreland

Committee members: John Whitbread (Chair), Ruth Jacobson (Secretary), Lynn Kinsey (Treasurer), Mark Shelley

Minutes Secretary: Eve Higgs

Apologies: Received from Rachael Whitbread.

1.Minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2012

Approved by committee and signed by the Chair.

2.Democratic period for Trust members

None present.

3.Matters arising

a) Minutes Secretary

JW reported that EH has agreed to take the minutes at committee meetings and the Committee expressed their thanks.

b) Members' programme for 2012/13

• Visit to Kingcombe

JW reported that arrangements are in hand. It will be on Sunday 29 July, starting at 2.30pm and consisting of an hour's guided walk followed by refreshments. There will be a charge for this in the area of £6.00; the Committee agreed that they would provide a subsidy of up to £50 with any remaining costs to be paid by those attending, along with any costs for travel. The event will be publicised by emails and on the website two weeks before the event with follow up reminders (**ACTION: RW**). Posters: JW will liaise with John Dalziel on production of posters (**ACTION: JW**); . It was agreed that in future the TVT committee would not to hold a meeting in August either unless there is a pressing issue such as a planning application requiring consideration. Details on the shop's electronic notice (**ACTION: MS**).

• Sunday Walks

Ideas for Sunday afternoon family walks programme were discussed.

c) Tree maintenance

JW reported that arrangements have been made with the contractor as agreed but that weather conditions have mitigated against any work being undertaken. It was agreed that the matter would be carried over until the next meeting (**JW**).

d) Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Tree

that an analysis of the report is in hand and will be tabled shortly for discussion by a meeting of the TVT planning subcommittee. If necessary, this will then enable a response to meet the 27 July deadline.

7. Committee members' items for inclusion on the agenda

None tabled.

8. Any Other Business

a) Members' involvement

JW reported that membership renewals remain healthy with several new recruits. However, as already recognised, there are currently insufficient committee members to carry out all the necessary tasks relating to the running of the Trust. It was noted that some members already provide administrative support, planning advice and organisation of events but choose for various reasons not to sit formally on the committee, but more support would still be very helpful. It was agreed that there should be a specific appeal for this through the parish magazine, including for someone to take over responsibility for the refreshment box (**ACTION: JW**). The Committee also agreed to consider LK's suggestion that one of autumn's committee meetings could be designated as an 'ideas meeting' and a special invitation be extended to members, which could also be trailed in the parish magazine (**ACTION: JW**).

b) Raffle prizes

Following discussion it was agreed that raffle prizes should reflect the aims and objectives of the TVT i.e. local, fair trade, ethical, organic, and that fewer prizes of better quality should be offered. Any donations not falling into those categories could be held over for fund raising sales. A budget guideline of £10 was agreed for purchase of prizes, starting with the meeting on 13 September with the Dorset Wildlife Trust speaker. EH agreed to buy two food items costing £5 from Crewkerne Farmers' Market (**ACTION: EH**) and JW will explore a suitable third prize from the DWT itself (**ACTION: JW**).

c) Sports Club Quiz

Following discussion it was agreed that the possibility of a Sports Club quiz in aid of the TVT be explored (**ACTION: MS**).

d) Purchase of Serif Software for TVT website

In order to progress the setting up the new website it was agreed that new software recommended by MS should be purchased.

9. Date & venue of next meeting

Tuesday, 31 July at 7.30pm in Thorncombe Village Hall

NB It was agreed that in future the TVT committee would not to hold a meeting in August unless there is a pressing issue such as a planning application requiring consideration.

Signed Date