

Thorncombe Village Trust.

Minutes of committee meeting 24th September 2013

Present: John Whitbread (Chair), Sheila Moreland (President), Lynn Kinsey, and Rachael Whitbread

1. Apologies: Ruth Jacobson

2. The minutes of the last meeting, dated July 30th, were approved and signed

3. No members were present to contribute during the democratic half-hour

4. Matters arising:

- a) August Walk: attended by 11 people, not all members although two did join subsequently. A success and enjoyed by all. Photos have been put on website.
- b) Memorial Tree organisation of plaque: to be completed asap **JW**
- c) 'We are History' project; JW to ask John Higgs for update on this. **JW**
- d) September Members' Meeting (talk by Sam Scriven on Jurassic Coast) – a unanimous 4* vote from the audience. All approved of the presentation, his style, delivery and subject matter. (The speaker has another talk on the Nature Reserve near Beaminster which we may well book) . 26 in audience – 2 were visitors and 2 new family members.
- e) Quiz Night at Sports' Club: £106 raised. Grateful to Club for organising this. It was decided to wait for a while before repeating.

5. Arrangements for Village Walk:

- we'll use Walk 1 from the website – familiar to some but new to others, and a good introduction to the other walks.
- Posters to be put up/info & requests for cakes to members via email and website/checking route for dog accessibility/ printing copies of walks / contacting Betty and lift for Sheila **RW/JW**

6. Planning:

a) FP 103: letter to be drafted re email from Carole McKay and sent round for approval from committee **JW**

b) Royal Oak conversion of barn – PC approve, although there is a query over parking and access to Right of Access to adjacent buildings, + possible noise nuisance.

Letter to be sent to WDDC re concerns over parking **JW**

7. Finance healthy. Query about need to continue with Santander shares – to be resolved next meeting. Finance report attached

8. Parish Council report: the suggestion of a 20 mph speed limit to be supported by TVT.

Letter to be sent to PC. **?RJ (or JW)**

AOB:

a) Walks leaflets: Lynn & Nigel are in process of revising these, and they will be reissued as soon as this is done. **LK**

Meanwhile, and also as an extra resource for visitors to area, it may be possible to offer print-outs of the website walks in the shop for a modest fee to cover costs. Check copyright issues and follow up **RW**

b) It was decided that we would dispense with the raffle at our usual members' meetings due to low committee numbers. We'll still hold raffles at the AGM, the Spring Plant Sale and the Christmas Sale.

Next meeting: 29th October 2013.