

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 25 MARCH 2014-03-27

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence: Marie Parker
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2014 were approved
3. Democratic period for Trust members: 2 Trust members were present. Chris Garcia was invited to describe what he saw as the potential for a “friendly forum”, as opposed to the current 5 separate websites which would have greater potential to inform eg about funding opportunities, and for encouraging involvement. The Committee **agreed** that, in principle, it would support an initiative to bring together the disparate sites, but that it would still be necessary to meet the needs of members and supporters who did not/did not want to have, access to the web.
4. Matters Arising
 - (a) ‘We Are History’ progress report: RJ reported that she had not yet been able to obtain the written progress report which the Committee had asked for but would ensure that this would be done by the next Committee meeting, so that it could be discussed and presented at the May AGM . **Action: RJ**
 - c) Siting of John Gordon’s memorial bench: RW reported that agreement had been given by the Church Warden, on the understanding that the Trust will cover all costs **Action: RW**
5. Report on March Members’ Meeting: RJ reported that, despite some initial glitches, the speaker from the CPRE had been able to engage the audience well eg over issues such as planning applications for commercial ‘solar farms’. Although she had overlooked distributing evaluation forms, the general reaction had positive, and that it would be appropriate to invite the speaker back on another occasion eg on a panel discussion.
6. TVT programme for 2014-2015. JW summarised the options available and invited comments from members and the Committee. After discussion, it was formally **agreed** that the Committee should focus its available resources on a ‘core programme’ consisting of 3 events: Spring Plant Sale, October Parish Walk and Tea, November Christmas Sale. These events will be supplemented over the year where opportunities and resources arise but not on the current fixed bi-monthly basis. The supplementary events will be focused on using our existing affiliations with the CPRE, the Ramblers and the Dorset Wildlife Trust and where appropriate, will be held on days/times other than Thursday evenings. There will be no event in January. Members will have the information on the fixed dates in their new membership card; information about other events will be disseminated through the e mail

list, the usual system of notices and, where time allows, by notices in the Marshwood Vale and Parish magazines.

The reasons for this change will be explained by a statement by the Chair at the May AGM which will also be distributed via e mail and on the website. At the May AGM, existing and new members will receive a different format of membership card, the wording of which to be drafted by RJ for comments by the Committee. **Action RJ**

It was further **agreed** that a strong appeal needs to be made for the replacement of the Secretary but if none were forthcoming, then the Chair would take on the post of Secretary on an interim basis.

7. RJ reported that there were no current planning applications to consider

8. Finance Report: as below. LK reported that arrangements for sale of Santander shares were in progress.

9. Thorncombe Parish Council March meeting: RW reported on a range of issues discussed, of which the current state of the roads was the most relevant to the TVT

10. A.O.B

(a) LK requested information for the next newsletter; Sally Welford agreed to supply material on bees **Action: LK**

(b) Possible revision of TVT information leaflet: **RJ** to provide Sally Welford with the template and the most recent version.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday 29 April, 7.30 at the Village Hall