

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Thorncombe Community Room on Tuesday 25 September 2012.

Present

President: Sheila Moreland

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

Minutes Secretary: Eve Higgs

1. Apologies

None.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 31 July 2012

Approved by committee and signed by Chair.

3. Democratic period for Trust members

None present.

4. Matters arising

a) Report on August Walk

JW reported that 19 members attended and the walk had been well received. After discussion, MS undertook to explore ways to involve families in a future walks programme **(Action: MS)**. There was also discussion as to how to help members or the local community appreciate Thorncombe's history by projects such as information boards at the site of the mills. It was agreed that JW will look into this further **(JW)**

b) Ideas Meeting

Following a discussion it was agreed not to send a questionnaire to members as this would be unlikely to have an impact. However, it was agreed that Committee members will try to identify some specific activities to encourage more active participation by our members and to bring these to the next meeting so that they can be included in the next newsletter. In the meantime, RW will approach Amy Ralph to explore the viability of organising a willow weaving workshop ; this would have special appeal for children but could also attract adults. **(Action: JW, RJ, LK, MS, RW, SM)**

c) Sport Club Quiz

MS reported that Sports Club Quizmaster Toby Ralph is no longer setting a special subject questions. This means that the objective of signposting the new TVT website as the source of answers could not happen. However, it was agreed that if Toby Ralph agreed to set at least some questions around the theme of 'A Sense of Place', this would still raise awareness of the website. MS agreed to do this **(Action: MS)** It was noted that since details of the forthcoming quiz are trailed at the previous quiz night, the website will need to be on-line by the beginning of November. Raffle prizes: As local groups regularly raise in excess of £100 at Sports Club quizzes, it was agreed that £30 should be spent on raffle prizes with a local theme. **(Action: MS, RW)**

d) Tree maintenance

JW reported that vulnerable trees which the TVT has planted at the Sports & Social Club have identified and steps taken to protect them. He will be presenting a parish survey of the other TVT trees to the committee in due course. **(Action: JW)**

e) Parish Council Meeting report

RJ reported on items of relevance arising from the July meeting:

Marshwood: a Community Land Trust is being set up to build seven houses.

Magdalen Farm: during the democratic half hour, two close neighbours of Magdalen Farm complained about recent public nuisance from visitors staying in the yurts and holding all night parties. The Parish Council had taken note of this and agreed that Magdalen did not appear to be keeping to the planning requirements. It was agreed that since the TVT has already brought its concerns in this area, especially over the expansion in numbers of yurts, to the WDDC 's attention in writing, no further action was necessary.

f) September Members Meeting

RW & MS reported that 27 attended and the talk had been well received, once an IT issue had been sorted out. Audience response slips were split 50/50 between 4* and 3*. It was agreed that in future speakers should be reminded of the need to resolve any IT problems prior to their talks . RJ undertook to draft a 'standard clause' to be used for future bookings, and also to write the usual feedback letter to Joy.**(Action: RJ)**

5. Planning

a) Current applications

LK drew the committee's attention to an application to pull down a house at Paynes Down and replace it with a larger structure. She reported that parish councillors have held a site meeting and will be discussing the matter at the next parish council meeting on 2 October. JW and RJ undertook to examine the application and discuss the matter with the Chair of the parish council planning committee. **(Action: JW & RJ)**

b) West Dorset Local Plan & Parish Plan

MS reported that the draft is now complete for the Parish Plan's Committee's consideration. Committee members will have the opportunity to comment once the Plan has been put into the public domain.

6. Annual Parish Walk, Sunday 7 October. 2.30

Refreshments: RJ reported that Betty Cox and Linda Timms will be organising the tea and that Betty will be able to make cakes. As in previous years, participants will be asked to contribute sandwiches. Publicity: LK has trailed the walk in October Parish Magazine. JW reported that he will be leading the walk in consultation with Linda Timms who has drawn up the route; there have been some concerns over road works in Holditch but these should not prove a difficulty. Publicity: posters and an e mail circular including request for participants to bring contributions for the tea: starting point Holditch Hall
(URGENT ACTION JW & RW)

7. **AOB**

a) 2102 Annual Christmas Sale, Saturday 17 November

JW reported that craft stalls have been taken by a potter, cake decorator, card maker and artist selling prints and drawings. Eggs and fresh chicken will also be sold. He undertook to check whether Carolyn Frampton planned to run the bric-a-brac stall this year. There will also be a plant stall and a raffle. It was agreed that efforts should be made to try to get some additional craft stalls this year, but that these needed to be of good standards. Publicity publicise in parish magazine. LK to put an announcement in Marshwood Vale Magazine

(Action: JW, LK)

b) Autumn 2012 Newsletter

A draft copy will be circulated to the committee for consideration at the next meeting. **(Action: LK)**

8. **Date of next meeting** : Tuesday 30thOctober 2012, at 7.30 pm Thorncombe Community Room

Signed..... Date