

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

Minutes of committee meeting held in Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday, 4 December 2012

Present:

President: Sheila Moreland; John Whitbread (Chair); Lynn Kinsey (treasurer) Mark Shelley, Rachael Whitbread

Minutes Clerk: Eve Higgs

1. Apologies for absence:

Ruth Jacobson (Secretary)

2. Minutes of committee meeting held on 30 October 2012:

Approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Democratic period for Trust members:

None present

4. Matters arising

- a) Future Family Friendly Walks: Following a discussion it was agreed to carry over the matter until the January meeting on the grounds that a walk in early spring would be more popular **(Committee)**
- b) Website re-launch: RW reported that more material has been added to the website. There are now 33 history articles. It was agreed that details of the new website should be e-mailed to Parish Cllrs, District & County Cllrs and Oliver Letwin MP. **(RW)**
- c) Sports Club December Quiz: MS reported that all the arrangements are in hand. He confirmed that some of the questions will be drawn from the TVT website. Five raffle prizes will be bought on behalf of the committee by JW, RW and MS. On behalf of her husband, EH informed the meeting that John Higgs will be donating a selection of allotment vegetables. Tickets to be sold on quiz night by MS. RW to buy raffle tickets. **(JW, RW, MS, EH)**
- d) Specific activities to encourage member participation: RW reported that Amy Ralph is keen to undertake the project. Overtures have been made to the playground committee regarding the sponsorship of a willow sculpture by the TVT. The playground committee is currently addressing pressing maintenance issues and is unable to commit itself until those issues are resolved. Given the willow will need to be ordered at the beginning of the year, it was agreed that RW make further overtures after Christmas in case these matters have resolved themselves. **(RW)**

- e) Tree maintenance etc: JW reported that a tree growing at the bottom of Gribb View has been identified as needing urgent attention. However, due to the inclement weather no work had taken place but the matter has been brought to the contractor's attention and JW will continue to keep a watching brief. **(JW)**
- f) Parish Council Meeting: JW presented a summary of relevant matters to the TVT covering:
- Footpaths – progress is being made on the path at Yawlings
 - Bridges: Buddlewall and Westford Mill are in need of repair.
 - Drains: inspection of Chard Street drains in hand to resolve potential flooding problem
 - Broadband width: users should register an interest on Dorset for You website
 - Grit bins: County Councillor Brierley is in the process of ensuring that the parishes' grit bins are classified as 'strategic' grit bins which will be filled as required by the County Council.
 - Planning
 - a) The angle of the roof of the proposed new house at Paynes Down, Birdsmoorgate is to be reduced from 45 degrees to 40 degrees, resulting in the overall height of the structure being lower;
 - b) Magdalen Farm's applications are still awaiting decisions. There are currently no other outstanding planning matters for the committee's consideration. Agenda item 7 also refers.
 - Parish Plan: the final draft will be made available on-line and a hard copy placed in the shop. Further comments have been invited within a limited time-frame. MS confirmed that the report remains a working document until it is finally approved by the PC. Concerns were raised on whether inviting further input would delay its submission. MS reported that Parish Plan Chair Steven Dursford has the matter in hand. Agenda item 5 also refers.
 - Fly tipping: substantial items have been dumped on near the reservoir on the Sadborow Road and on Horseshoe Lane. Cllr Nigel Higgins has the matter in hand and is liaising with WDDC to remove fly tipped items. Any additional sightings should be reported to NH or the Police.
 - Affordable housing: no discernible demand identified in Thorncombe
- g) Review of Christmas Sale: LK reported that the overall takings had increased by between £40 and £50. She went on to give a detailed breakdown of takings which she submitted as part of her financial report under agenda item 6. Attendance had been good throughout the morning and the committee felt the event had been well received. Some stall holders reported disappointing takings and several are unlikely to attend next year. It was agreed to consider how to attract new stall holders at the planning stage of the next sale. DWT were pleased with their sales and have committed to coming to the sale next year.
- h) Review of members' November meeting 'Local Turnpikes': JW reported that an attendance of 52 of which 20 were guests. The breakdown of 25 response slips returned was as follows: 17 x 4*; 3 x 3*; 2 x 2*; Various committee members reported that some of the audience had said they really enjoyed the talk, while other felt the content has been too complex and that those at the back found it difficult to hear. There had also been disappointment among some audience members that there was little specific information relating to Thorncombe.

5. Draft Parish Plan – what next?

See agenda item 4.

6. Finance Report

See Appendix 1.

Following a discussion it was agreed to retain the contingency fund but to consider ways in which surplus funds could be used for the benefit of members. LK to compile a short general report showing how funds are allocated for posting up on the website **(LK)**.

7. Current planning applications

See agenda item 4.

8. Any other business

- Arrangements were made for the members' meeting on 10 January when Amanda Streatfeild from Denhay will be talking about cheese. JW to enquire whether serving wine to members to accompany the samples would be acceptable to her. The Committee agreed that if this is the case, it will meet the cost of wine, & apple juice etc out of funds as a goodwill gesture to members as funds are currently healthy. **(JW)**
- LK reported that she has included the email address in the Marshwood Vale listings to facilitate communication.
- LK to advance book Thorncombe Village Hall for forthcoming members' meetings in 2013

9. Date & Venue of next meeting

Tuesday, 29 January, 2013 at 7.30pm in Thorncombe Community Room.

SignedDate