

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST

Minutes of Committee Meeting Tuesday, 23 June 2014

Present:

Sheila Moreland (President); John Whitbread (Chair) Rachael Whitbread

1. Apologies for absence

Wynford Eagle and Marie Parker

2. Minutes of meeting held on 28 April 2014

Approved

3. Democratic period for Trust members

No members present.

4. Matters arising

a) Formation of new committee with provisional roles:

John Whitbread - Chair / Secretary
Rachael Whitbread - Membership & website
R.W. & J.W. - Members' Meetings & Activities
Wynford Eagle - Newsletter
Ex officio Lynn Kinsey - Treasurer

b) May Members' Meeting: Treasure of the Golden Grape / Selwyn Williams

Reaction slips: 80% 4stars – Very positive reaction to an interesting & lively presentation with good visual materials & artefacts.

c) Plant & Craft Sale

RW reported that although attendance numbers were slightly down on last year, the overall takings amounting to £425 on a par with previous years. The committee wished to record thanks to Rachael for all her hard work in organising such a successful event.

d) Parish Meeting

JW attended on behalf of the Trust &, as in previous years, took a display board that showed the range of the Trust's activities in the previous year. The content of the meeting did not contain specific details relevant to the Trust. However, the withdrawal of funding for the Dorset Car Service offering as it does a vital link to attending hospital appointments etc. was generally seen as a cause for general concern within the parish community.

d) In memory of Terry Bennett

JW reported that the possibility of a commemorative tree planting in the proposed extended Garden of Remembrance had found favour with the committee. He intends to report again on this matter when concrete plans have been decided on by the Parish Council whose responsibility it is to oversee the proposed extension.

e) Members' Meetings etc.

1. JW gave outline details of a joint meeting arranged with Axe Invasives concerning the problems caused by the spread of Himalayan Balsam to be held on 24 July in the Village hall.
2. JW also gave details of a project to enhance the wildlife potential of Johnson's Wood which is likely to take place in the near future thanks to the willingness of Neil Croton to share his expertise in managing such an undertaking.

5. Financial Report: (details of this will be posted in due course)

6. Planning: No concerns to report

7 A.O.B.

Communication with Trust Members: RW reported that 129 households have membership of the Trust & that at present 89 of these have email addresses.

Action: It was decided that household who were not on-line would be notified of meetings etc. by telephone.

8. Next Committee Meeting: Monday 28th July 2014, Village Hall