

# West Hagbourne Village Association

## Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Present:** Val Walton (Chair), June Little (Treasurer), Margaret Leishman (Secretary), Hazel Rack, Bridget Pickup, Betty Kendrick, Rob Griffiths, Eva Pinkava, Pierre Aller, Rob & Emma Rickard and Steve Carr.

**Apologies for Absence:** Ian Leishman (Vice-chair).

Val opened the meeting by welcoming those present including Steve Carr as a new member of the committee.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were read and approved.

**Matters Arising:** Marquees & Equipment- Rob reported that 1 table of the 4 missing ones has turned up (with no explanation), and 4 chairs are still missing from the store despite our plea for their return in the village newsletter. In an effort to safeguard the stock, Rob has now marked all 17 remaining tables with the Association's name and will be keeping a closer eye on the equipment, as it is hired out and returned, as time allows. The Committee also discussed the feasibility of increasing the fees and deposits from 2018 as a possible deterrent for items of equipment not being returned. The amounts of £50.00 hiring fee plus £50.00 deposit for a marquee and the same for the hire of the tables was regarded as still being reasonable rates to charge. Chairs might possibly be extra, depending on how many are required. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Madge Trophy – Val escorted this year's front gardens judge, Jane Kinniburgh around the village on 1st September. She read Jane's report to the committee and announced the joint trophy winners as Greenthatch, Main Street and 16, York Road. The report also listed those gardens Jane regarded as being worthy of commendations. A copy of the report will be published in the October issue of the village newsletter. Rob G has agreed to take the trophy in for engraving and the winners will have equal possession of it until the next competition in April 2018.

**Treasurer's Report** – June reported that the Association currently has a balance of £1120-87 (report in file). Despite her best efforts, June informed the committee that Barclays Bank have failed to respond to her correspondence regarding the statement address (still Fairview), and change of signatories. Val said that she would visit the Bank to complain about their negligence in this matter.

## **Future Events -**

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am-12.30pm - York Farm. Arrangements for this event are now underway. Margaret has printed copies of the poster, which will be displayed around the village, along with flyers which Rob G and Hazel will distribute to all village properties. The event has also been advertised in the village newsletter and Parish magazine. Val, June and Margaret will visit York Farm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. at 3:45pm to have a look around at the facilities there, and discuss where best to site the marquee. Donations of home made cakes and raffle prizes can be delivered to Val or June on Friday afternoon, or to the marquee during setting-up on Saturday morning. Rob G has agreed to make some signs to be put up at The Square on the morning. Arrangements are as follows:

**Friday**, 29<sup>th</sup> Sep. at 5pm – meet at York Farm for marquee erecting, tables and chairs. Steve, Ian, Margaret, Rob R, Emma, and possibly Dave Totterdell and Paul Ryman.

**Saturday** 30<sup>th</sup> Sep. at 9:30am – decorating & setting-up of catering equipment (china mugs, jugs, tea towels, knives etc. are needed from home).

Emma has volunteered to buy coffee, tea, etc.

Margaret will bring urns and teapots, etc.

Paper plates, plastic forks and spoons, serviettes etc. - from Association stock.

Tablecloths, etc. – Betty.

Table for donation boxes and sign-in forms.

Raffle table.

Servers – Rob G, Hazel, Val, Bridget, Margaret, Ian, and Betty.

Urn will be situated in the summerhouse and hot water transported in large thermos dispensers to the marquee where coffee and cakes, etc. will be served.

Raffle – June (help needed).

Toilet facilities are available if needed.

Plenty of parking available in yard.

Autumn Village Walk – Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm from the Square.

Val and June have volunteered to lead this. To be advertised in the village newsletter.

St. Andrew's Christmas tree festival – the committee decided to sponsor a tree this year, the cost will be £25.00. It was decided to use dragon-themed decorations together with red and white fairy lights. To be discussed at next meeting. Margaret will contact the organiser in good time, as the event is very popular with a limited number of trees.

**A.O.B.** – None.

**Date of next Meeting** – AGM – planned for Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 7:30pm at the Horse & Harrow (date and venue confirmed). To be advertised in the next village newsletter.

Many thanks to Betty for her hospitality.

