

## Draft Minutes: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

- **Attendees;** R Ingate, P Hogg, J Hogg, V Ariss, J Wilkinson, B Smallcombe, M Graystone, V Swallow, D Totten, A Harvey, J Ridgwell, R Ridgwell
- **Apologies** – C Holland, J Holland, B Beecroft, K Wilson, M and T Kerry, A. Warne
- **Minutes** from October 14<sup>th</sup> Prop; Val Ariss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Val Swallow
- **Finance/Reports** –Outgoings: EON Electric Account £98.91, Window cleaner £30, Tote £60, Float for Harvest Supper draw £40, Essex & Suffolk water £20.05, B&M Toilet rolls £24.78, Materials for repairs £8.38, Key Cut for user store £5, Premises licence MSDC £180, EON Electric Account £171.57, BT Account £75.84 = £714.53 Income: Harvest Supper £628.60, Float Harvest Supper Draw £40, Hall Hire £243, WI Pat Testing D Totten £3.63 = £915.23
  - Caretaker; NTR, except for two repairs, to the timer for the exterior lights and a main hall heater element.
  - Booking Clerk; There is a Christening booked for this Sunday and they have asked if they may have the partition doors removed. After discussion, it was agreed that it was too unsafe as they are extremely heavy and should only be taken out for Community Centre events if necessary. There is a funeral on Tuesday and RI, AH and J and P Hogg will put out the tables. The urn will be released from quarantine for this event.....
  - Tote; 1<sup>st</sup> 45 Beryl Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 113 Brian Smallcombe, 3<sup>rd</sup> 154 Diane Payne. A donation of Tote winnings returned by Peggy Cuthbert will be used for two extra Christmas Totes of £10 each.
- **Repairs & Maintenance** – Hot water system; Waiting for two more quotes to come through – also quotes for toilet refurbishment. New chairs; these are required NOW and it was agreed to buy 120 asap. Prop V Ariss, 2<sup>nd</sup> PHogg. Research has already been undertaken by Carly, the Vals and Annie(?) Brian S suggested we needed to sit on one first and this might be possible if they have already provided some to a venue close at hand. (ON TYPING THIS, MG REMEMBERED THAT THEY HAVE SOME SIMILAR CHAIRS AT STRADBROKE. THE FOAM IS SOMEWHAT SQUASHED NOW BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW OLD THEY ARE..... Maybe worth a phone call?) Playground repairs; Rep from Fawns came on Tuesday and suggested £100 of maintenance if Fawns did it. Following MSDC Playground inspection maintenance NOT repairs was needed. RI asked him to show them what needed to be done. This knowledge has since been relayed to Jay and Paul Maybury so hopefully we will be on top of it in the future.....
- **Events** – Halloween report; 66 tickets sold and was a great fun if VERY noisy event. Thanks to M Farrow and N Martin for help with food and to V and M Ariss for helping to clear up after the event. Took £212 on the bar and a small profit was made. Band Night, The Muppits, over 70 tickets sold. Needed 50 to break even so should be into a profit. Fundraising idea - Car Treasure Hunt - John Ridgwell and Bernard Butler. John came to explain that this was conjured up during a lunch and wine process and it was agreed by all is a super idea. They are hoping to repeat the process and come up with some firm ideas and dates for the December meeting. They were all thanked very much for their good thoughts and we are all looking forward to it. Val A mentioned an earlier Treasure Hunt when one of the clues had been unknowingly removed by a building firm prior to the Hunt, causing much merriment and a little upset to the participants.....
- **Village Events** – Queens 90th birthday June 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 2016, was suggested by Val Swallow that this be opened up into a village picnic, with the bar open etc and it was agreed in principle that this would be a lovely thing to do. Fine tuning later. End of Loan party; Val A and RI are part of a small sub-committee who are investigating this and they will report back. Various suggestions were made for the purchase of something to mark this – a variety

of benches, a flagpole etc. Discussion also about who would be paying for this, the PC or the CC and BS is going to mention this at the next PC meeting.

- **User Groups –**
  - Social Club; Very good fireworks night, very busy and at last, a profit made of just under £100. Took £1349 on the gate and £290 on the barbecue and nearly £800 on the bar (not all profit of course!) but indicative of a good night had by all.
  - Church; Decision taken to cancel the Tree Festival as not enough uptake. Will probably make it a bi-annual event instead of an annual one.
  - WI; Diane asked if it would be possible to have the bar open for the WI Christmas Party and it was agreed it was possible. Diana will now take this back to Committee to see if it is really required. MG wondered if there might be a trained WI member who could do it and Diane Paynes name was mentioned.....
  - Keep Fit; have a new television. P Hogg will look to how secure this slim line model is on the trolley and hopefully sort that, and RI has taken the other TV out for disposal at the dump. Darts; has turned into more of a Rummicub event now..... still enjoyed by folk.
  - Youth Club; Two more meetings before Christmas. The age groups have been combined now and it runs from 6.30 – 7.30.
  - Football club; NTR
  - Parish Council; Discussions ensued, and it was interesting to learn about the new Smiley face speed machine. This is being run by Brian Smallcombe at the moment and has required extensive training to ensure competency in this area and comply with Health and Safety..... How to charge a battery and how to use a step ladder for instance. Views on its efficiency were mixed, but generally folk thought that in the long term it might be of good use to the villagers in reminding folk to slow down.
- **AOB: 'What's On' - can distribution of this be undertaken to Southolt? Yes they can have the mags if they are able to find someone who is willing to distribute it.**
  - New publisher for 2016, V Ariss is undertaking the December issue, but after that, Chris Reynolds has found someone at a competitive price. Thank you Chris.
- Contribution to loan repayment for 2016; £500 was suggested by A Harvey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by V S
- The original Public Works Loan Board loan of £50,000 at a fixed rate of 10% interest with early repayment penalties has cost the village just short of £145,000. Was excellent deal at the time and the CC has paid about ¼ of this amount back to the Gov, the Parish Council taking up the remaining ¾
  - Christmas Cards – still some of these beauties left. They will be sold at the Christmas Fair for a reduced price of £1 a pack and after that Brian Smallcombe has kindly agreed to take them home and deliver to parties who order them (via the telephone). Val is getting envelopes to go with the spares which are of the church – nearly 200 of them.....
  - Soft lighting - Diana Totten is on this and has received a quote of £889 for 8 dimmable clusters of lights and it was agreed this good price. She is liaising with Mathew Hicks to get these funded through one of his grants.....
  - Books – Twice over the summer holidays, the money in the tin has been stolen – how sad is that - so it will now be free to users and usage will be monitored. Joan and Eugene were thanked. They donated £25.10 to the Community Centre Committee.

Meeting closed at 20.56 and the next meeting is on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm