

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2010

APOLOGIES: Nicola Rule, Bonnie Hooker, Keith Chapman, Helen Galer

PRESENT: Roy & Christine White, Stephen Spencer (chair) Kim Davies, Nina Collier, Richard Pease, Huw Gaskill, Richard Harrison, Alan Hooker (minutes)

10 year old Devon Wallwein and his mother Alison were introduced to the committee. Devon had emailed Stephen with his concerns as to litter after Gala Day. Stephen felt it appropriate to invite him to a meeting to help him understand the workings of the Community Association and the organising that went into staging such events as well as the efforts we go to ensure we leave things as we found them. 'The Anglia In Bloom' judging team had in fact visited the recreation ground at 10 am on the Monday after PIP and commented at the miraculous lack of visible evidence that 2-3000 people who had been picnicking on it the day before! Devon was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting and the committee promised to be on their best behaviour, easier for some than others!

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING: Approved as a true record by Nina Collier seconded Huw Gaskill.

FLOE JOES: Further to previous discussions it was agreed the new jackets should be orange and not yellow to avoid the summer bugs with a few medium as well as the XXXXXXXXL for the more delicate members of the committee. The logo issue was not voted on but in the absence of any objections we shall proceed with Godmanchester – Community Association - .org set out in 3 lines centred. Cost will be approx £ 7.00 per jacket with logo.

LITTER PICKERS: AH reported 6 new pickers has been purchased and received at a cost of £ 30 in readiness for Nov. 5th. AH offered to use Heritage tape to distinguish them from the council ones and avoid them going walkies. SS was vexed that he did not have any Sears Publishing tape to use! If we are happy with this model of picker further can be bought in readiness for Gala Day.

GALA ARENA 2011: everyone had been invited to research – www.peterjohnson.co.uk – as we needed to get a new act booked for 2011 if we were to have one, Nina produced a hard copy which she passed around. The mountain bike stunt team looked suitable (without the motor bikes) at a cost of around £ 600. **Nina** to investigate availability and report via email her findings. **(UPDATE- Nina reports that the troupe no longer offer a non motor bike option but say as the display is in the main off equipment the field should not be unduly cut up – price £795 no vat – date has been provisionally held awaiting our decision)** Anyone wishing to propose an alternative should visit the site ASAP. As the theme was Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales PANTOMINE 89 was suggested as a possible for arena and procession (maybe just in the carnival procession and a stall if bikes go ahead?) KD offered her mobility scooter for use in a jousting competition in the arena , this was thought worthy of investigation, Devon pointed out that these machines could be souped up to achieve 70mph AH to try it out on his mum's. Whatever? Frontier (it's a knockout) was suggested by KD and AH commented this had been on his mind for some years. It was agreed to research this for 2012. SS confirmed 'THE MISFITS', a tractor club who restore antique tractors, were willing to take part in the carnival and have their machines on display on the rec. on Gala Day.

NOVEMBER 5TH: Roy White produced a previous year's worksheet, Alan and Stephen had also brought previous copies with the same idea, to get back into the habit of using them. The committee proceeded to run

through the plan with a view overlaying the arrangements agreed at the last meeting and updating progress to date and highlighting matters outstanding. Roy to email Alan the updated version for circulation. **COPY ATTACHED. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT WE HAVE YOU EARMARKED FOR!** And let me know of any tel. Nos. Not covered

BARN DANCE: AH confirmed the Barn and Band were booked for 11th June 2011. As before this would be a committee get together with friends and neighbours attending on an 'invitation only' basis. HG asked when the first sub- committee would meet to organize it as his wife was chomping at the bit to get the food sorted. AH commented this need not be until the New Year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

GMC IN BLOOM BULB PLANTING: This was to take place on Saturday 16-10-10 @ 9 am – 12 noon. Areas for attention 'The Avenue' and 'A1198 / London Road Junction'. More daffodils to be planted to patch in areas of millennium beds damaged due to recent pipe laying. It was commented why always daffodil's? It was assumed these were cheap and easy? a bit of variety could be nice AH suggested Poppies? Maybe we could



donate some?

GMC IN BLOOM AGM: to be held on Thursday 21-10-10 at the Q.E.School. All welcome, AH to go after club 800 draw.

NOVEMBER 5TH ICE CREAM VAN: An ice cream vendor (not our normal one) had offered a minimum of £ 50 rent to attend the event. It was felt this was acceptable as no one had asked before, stipulation - no food as fair people catered for this.

ADDITIONAL SINCE MEETING:

FOZDYKE BAND- are we putting on another prom 2011?

COMMEMORATION DAY SUNDAY 14-11-10: The Town Council have asked if we could provide around 6 stewards again for crowd control at the memorial. Arrive 10.30 am in readiness for crowd build. Sounds like they haven't been able to get the road closed for more than 2 minutes. **VOLUNTEERS PLEASE**

BRIDGE MAGAZINE: The first meeting was normally in January. AH to fire out a preliminary email to invite ideas and suggestions from all and sundry in the near future.

PICNIC IN THE PARK: First meeting arranged for 26-10-10 - 8.00 Comrades Club

AOB:

CONTAINER: SS asked if the container had been racked out yet .AH confirmed it had been and was filling up quickly. A space had been saved for the ducks once Nina had updated the stocks. SS asked if the bills had been paid yet which AH confirmed he would do when he got a minute.

CHRISTMAS MEETING: Everyone felt last year's Christmas meeting was such a success it was worthy of a re-run this year. It was agreed: - THURSDAY 09-12-10 @ 8.00PM COMRADES LOUNGE. FULL COMMITTEE AND HELPERS WITH PARTNERS WELCOME. £ 20 PER HEAD WHIPROUND TO PURCHASE CHINESE FROM CINTA AND HOOCH FROM BAR.

BUS SHELTER: It was noted the District Council had managed to find the money to replace the bus shelter opposite the doctor's surgery while still not being prepared to open the toilets. MAYBEE THE THINKING WAS THE SHELTER WOULD DOUBLE UP FOR BOTH?!

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 11-11-10 8.00 PM COMRADES CLUB