

Minutes of the ORAC meeting held on

Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 7:45pm

Those present: Di, Martin, Dee, Nigel, Linda Jay, Rob, Scott, Lindsay.

Apologies: Linda St Pier, Ann

Minutes/Correspondence: The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June 2015 were approved.

Treasurer's report: Di presented the Treasurer's report, there had been normal account activity with no items for discussion. Total assets remained largely static. The lunch club accounts presented were not up to date but these would be updated soon.

There was a discussion regarding the need for mixing bowls for the kitchen.

Matters Arising:

- 1. Update on noise compliance** – ORAC were not aware of any noise complaints since the installation of the sound limiting device for amplified sounds. Di reported that James Buckingham from MSDC would attend an event with amplified music to assess the system effectiveness. There was a discussion regarding the porch extension and as to whether MSDC still wanted this completed. It was agreed that the extension would be put on hold, but the fire door seals should be replaced regardless, Rob would look into this.
- 2. Correspondence from Occold School regarding ORAC storage proposal** – It was noted that the school had yet to respond formally, but there had been a verbal response that the school decision making process had been delayed as they were otherwise occupied by an additional building project at the school. Clarification would be sought from the school on the proposal offered for temporary storage.
- 3. Pop up pub** – There was a general discussion on the pop up pub events held to date and future events. There had been 3 pop up pub events so far which were run independently of ORAC by Dee and Lindsay, although ORAC had run the bar for one event. Lindsay reported that the first event had been successful, the second was the VE day celebration for which numbers were disappointing and the 3rd event had seen fewer people. A further pop up pub was to be held on the coming Friday evening with BBQ food cooked to order. Dee and Lindsay reported that this would probably

be the last event as after hall hire costs meant the events were not viable. There was a lengthy discussion concerning hall hire charges for the event and it was agreed by majority vote that ORAC would waive the hall hire charges for this event. The basis for this was that as it was a community event for the village community, ORAC would support efforts to make the events viable. Dee and Lindsay suggested they would make a donation to ORAC based on the success of the events.

4. **Community Pub options** – It was agreed that ORAC would contact village organisations to discuss the possibility of the Beaconsfield Arms becoming a Community Pub, should the owners be unable to find a tenant to run the business.
5. **Village Hall Storage issues** – The need for additional permanent storage was discussed. Rob proposed a double garage sized additional build on the land next to the hall where the oil tank is currently. Rob would look at getting plans drafted for this for the next meeting.
6. **Occold Website** – The committee were reminded that the Occold.com domain is currently owned by Barry Woods, who was keen to transfer ownership to a village organisation. Di would enquire to the Parish Council regarding joint ownership between ORAC and the Parish Council.
7. **Pictures** – The pictures previously displayed in the Beaconsfield Arms, had been passed to ORAC for display, the committee would look for suitable hanging space in the village hall.
8. **Fete** – The Fete was discussed at length. Income was £670 provisionally, this was lower than previous years, and represented a continuing steady decline in income from the event. Rob proposed making a questionnaire on the fete for villagers to respond with their feelings. After discussion the committee agreed to look at a new format for next year of a family afternoon, rather than a full fete.

Any other items concerning:

Village Hall – Di reported that the Disabled toilet flush was not working, she had booked a plumber to look at the problem.

Play area/field – It was noted that new benches and a bench had been installed in the play area after fund raising by Friends of Occold School, the committee expressed their thanks for their efforts to supply these. It was also

noted that the catch on the gate was still broken, Scott would ask Gordon about this.

Village green – It was noted that Donald made great efforts in keeping the village green tidy.

Any other new items:

Future events: The Rock'n'roll night was planned for the 24th October

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 9th September 2015 – 7:45pm**