

Minutes of ORAC meeting 8.3.18 @1830

Present: Dave Cox, Di Noller, Alison Davenport Jones, Sandra Cox, Jill Crouch, Neil Sizer, Nigel Woodhouse, Neil Flack

Apologies: Anne Stainsby

Absent: Gordon Erhorn

DC opened the meeting at 18.32

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

- **Treasurer's report**

DN distributed copies of the latest account statements (copy on file) Total assets: £21,801.03

Income over expenditure £2438.04 with no invoices waiting payment.

Some essential expenditure is required for car park repairs: There are adequate funds available for this to be expedited.

- **Occold Fayres**

As JC has stepped down from organising the Occold Fayre and nobody is willing to take it on, Preschool proposed to hire the hall on the last Saturday of most months and invite local people along to sell any goods as they wish - with a charge of £1.00 per table/pitch. Donations will also be invited at each such event, for various charitable purposes. The fayre has not historically been successful as a Farmer's Market or Craft Fair: the committee agreed the preschool option was better.

DC suggested inviting the Fish and Vegetable vendors who operate in Eye to come to the hall and see how the trade goes, with a view to making this a permanent fixture.

DC asked DN how the preschool is getting on: she gave a comprehensive report. The advisor has now completed her sessions with the PS committee. The surrounding area is being flooded with advertising and numbers have increased. Suffolk County Council have offered a grant of £2,500 that DN is duly considering.

DC is due to speak on Park Radio 107.6 FM 21st March and will plug the village preschool and events.

- **Hire Rates**

ADJ to redistribute BW's proposal so the committee can finalise increases at the next meeting. DC to analyse existing hires in preparation for the discussion.

- **Forward planning of future events:**

Race night 14 April. Deposit of £25 to be paid (DN) The event is not classed as gambling, so no special permission is required.

Laminated posters to be displayed by NS and ADJ, publicity on Residents of Occold Facebook page and in Oracle Magazine.

Tickets £5 adults, children under 16 free. CMs to seek sponsors, £10 a race with a mention in the next edition of Oracle. NS suggested a board on the island outside his house advertising the events.

JC suggested a bingo tea and cake afternoon as a way of bringing the community together rather than as a fund raiser. JC and ADJ have spoken to members of the WI who offered to bake cakes. It was agreed this event would not take a lot of organisation. ADJ to send Bingo teaser to Terry Pointer for inclusion in Oracle.

Quiz in May: Proposed by DC. Members were undecided about the timing of another quiz, many felt it was too soon since the last one. Decision to be made in April.

Summer fun day: DC will contact Paul Parslow-Williams.

It was suggested that we run a football day followed by rounders day and a musical afternoon / evening event in August (weekend) – details to be agreed in April.

- **Hall maintenance:**

NS has a contact who will quote for the carpark repairs. There was a discussion about the current condition of the ground and the level of repair required.

It was agreed that the potholes take priority and will be done at the earliest opportunity

The alarm cord in the disabled toilet was switched off by DN because it is constantly sounding and needs fixing. NF will look at it tomorrow, 9th March.

- **AOB**

ADJ suggested ORAC members book a table of 8 for the school ball, 9 June at Debenham Community Centre.

Advertising for the hall as a wedding venue: this could be done in other community magazines as well as our own.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th April @1830

DC closed the meeting 20:26