

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 30 October 2012

Present:

President: Sheila Moreland

John Whitbread (Chair), Ruth Jacobson (Secretary), Lynn Kinsey (Treasurer), Mark Shelley, Rachael Whitbread

1. Apologies for absence: Eve Higgs (Minutes Clerk)
2. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2012 were approved and signed by Chair
3. Democratic Period for Trust members: none present
4. Matters arising

(a) Future Family-friendly walks: MS presented a range of suggestions for short walks with activities for children, including: Easter Egg hunt: village-based quiz with stickers to collect: walk to local pub with lunch: visit to local small holding eg Heather Holland's. The Committee **agreed** that all these had potential, especially Easter Egg hunt, and should be considered for future programming. **Action: Committee**

(b) Information Boards: JW has been investigating methods, costs etc but nothing specific to report as yet

(c) Activities to encourage member participation: RW reported that Thorncombe Playground would be happy to have a willow structure created provided the Trust undertook any required maintenance and that Amy Ralph is prepared to organise in early 2013. The Committee **agreed** it could undertake this: RW to liaise with those involved, including the School to ensure that timing was appropriate. **Action: RW**

(d) December Sports Club Quiz and Website Re-launch: RW reported that the re-launch planned for late October had been delayed by technical problems, but that it should still be possible to re-launch in time for an announcement to be made at the November quiz. It was noted that Eve Higgs had provided a substantial amount of historical material and also detailed guides for walks which can be downloaded. The Committee **agreed** that this contribution should be suitably acknowledged **Action: Committee** MS confirmed that the Quiz Master would be including some questions relevant to the Trust. It was agreed that if possible, Committee Members should attend the November quiz. **Action: Committee**

(e) Tree Maintenance: JW reported on action agreed for upkeep of memorial tree

(f) Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Tree: JW confirmed that this would go ahead in spot agreed with Sports Club at appropriate time

(g) Parish Council September meeting report: JW presented a summary of the items of relevance to the Trust, covering: reasons for increase in flooding from blocked road drains, often due to transport of straw; actions being taken for maintenance of rights of way; Parish Council to give feedback on Parish Plan at its November meeting; current planning –see item 8

(h) Annual Parish Walk: JW reported that 20 people had attended, and that event was enjoyed but that there had been no families with children. It was agreed that holding the event in Holditch had been positive. Agreed: letters of thanks to Linda for her work in organising route and teas, also the Betty for teas and to Sue Goodlet for providing refreshments even although she did not attend walk. **Action : RJ**

(i) Christmas Sale preparations: stalls confirmed: Heather Holland; cards/prints; bric a bric; cakes/preserves: plants. Clare German's stall not yet confirmed. Competition cake being provided by Betty.

Tasks assigned: LK will prepare floats as required, but will bring them to 8 Nov meeting and will bank takings on her return **Action: LK**. Raffle: RJ to spend up to £15.00 in shop on 3 raffle prizes, to be supplemented by anything contributed **Action: RJ**: help in kitchen: Linda to be asked **Action: RJ**

(j) Newsletter: content was approved and JW thanked LK. . Copies to be available for 8 November Members Meeting:**Action: LK**

5. Members' November meeting on 'Local Turnpikes' JW proposed a standard format for allocating tasks for Members' Meeting; this was adopted, with some additions. Tasks were allocated as per Appendix 1

6. Trust's membership contributions. JW reported that the Trust was receiving a range of requests for subscriptions/donations which had implications for its finances. At present, these were: affiliation as an organisation to the Ramblers' Association; donation to Dorset Wildlife Trust; membership of the CPRE. After discussion, it was **agreed** that it was consistent with the Trust's objectives to increase the amount spent from its fund on this kind of expense, it was further **agreed** that the reasons for this decision should be explained to members, perhaps through the newsletter. Affiliation to Ramblers' at £90 and an unreserved donation of £50 to DWLT were approved

7. Finance Report: see Appendix 2

8. Planning applications and future planning issues:

(a) JW reported that there had been no further developments with regard to the problems raised in relation to Magdalen Farm

(b) TVT response to Parish Plan: JW proposed that this should be assigned to a TVT sub-committee consisting of himself, MS and Mark Agnew (MA) to report back as appropriate. This was **agreed**. **Action: JW/MS**

9. Any Other Business: rota for attendance at Parish Council meetings : November meeting to be attended by MS: RJ to establish whether there will be a meeting in December **Action: RJ**

11. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday 27 November: apologies in advance from LK and RJ

SignedDate