



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11 December 2008

Present: Martin Phipps (MP), Pat Phipps (PP), Jim Parker (JP), Andy Humphries (AH), Lorna Sage (LS), Eileen McHugh (EMH), John Sidwell (JS), Kate Brennan (KB)

Apologies: Sylvia Cartwright (SC), Mark Peters (MP), Bob Dale (BD), Noelin Hawkins (NH), Grace Hampson (GC)

Minutes of previous meeting – 13/11/08

Minutes approved and signed by AH.

Matters Arising

Memorial for Paul Newby	Noted that this has not been done previously for Committee members or Parish Path Wardens....to be discussed again at January Committee
Notice board Plaque	JS has ordered.

AVS President

AH had spoken to Philip Aubury who has agreed to become the Society's next President. There was unanimous support from the Committee. AH to thank Philip formally.

Walks and Talks

PP reported that Xmas Revels planned.....38 tickets sold....food and entertainer organised.
December walk led by John and Jill Alexander excellent.....10 walkers.
Boxing Day walk arranged by EMcH....boots will be needed as it's muddy !

EMcH is taking over as Programme Secretary from the 2009 AGM....**all Committee members to give her support and ideas for speakers etc.** AH thanked her for taking the role on.

Finance and Admin

The current account stands at £824.79 and the PFP account stands at £1018.70. KB to check about recent bank statements. Nearly all members had now paid their 2008 subs.....most of these have also paid for 2009. KB would pay in all these subscriptions and other money so that our end-of-year accounts can be completed.

Notice Boards

The Tanyard Lane Car Park board had been removed by the footpath team as it was not safe. AH has applied unsuccessfully for a grant from Community First to replace it and will talk again to the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Partnership to see if they could fund what is a valuable village facility. EMcH also looking at a possible funding opportunity from the Co-op

MP to print 2009 walks / talks flyers for the other notice boards.

Planning

MP was unable to attend the December Parish Council Planning meeting due to receiving notification too late. AH had been talking to Parish Councillors about relationships between the PC and AVS. He will meet John Cypher (Deputy PC Chairman) soon to develop ideas and encourage closer working between the 2 organisations.

Footpath report

Barry Lynock (a member of the Saturday footpath team) had agreed to take on the role of Parish Paths Warden (PPW) from 2009 onwards. Committee were very pleased with this news.....AH to write formally to the County Council and Parish Councilhandover Paul Newby's paperwork to Barry..... and see if any training would be involved.

AVS 40th Anniversary

No further progress on events.

Village Issues

Parish Plan.....AH reported that this was being revised and that AVS had been invited to comment, especially on the Action Plan. Copies were available from the Parish Office....or the PC web site. AH will draft some comments for Committee to talk through in January....**note that the deadline for consultation is the end of January..**

The Meadows.....AH will attend the next meeting of The Meadows Management Committee in January to talk about drainage and other issues.

PACT.....next meeting Tuesday 13th January 2009

Affordable Housing on Birmingham Road.....BDHT were holding a community meeting in Alvechurch on 15th January (3-8pm) to allow residents to look at plans for this development.

Any other business

JP circulated CPRE papers and asked that CPRE be put on the January agenda.

EMcH enquired about Parish Council budgetingAH to get copy of last year's PC budget (attached).

Meeting closed at 20.15.