

STUTTON SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

15TH OCTOBER 2015

1) PRESENT:-

Chair: Nigel Hilton Vice Chair: Graham Hunter Treasurer: Sophie Hilton
PR: Julie Chadwick Secretary: Kathy Bird

Mike Grayson
Linsay Wrigglesworth
Paul Chadwick
Paul Spurrier
Christine Gillam
Rachel Rose
Jill Coupland

Michelle Hilton
Alex Hilton
Liz Grant
Ian Grant
Trevor Hardy
Ben Browning

Apologies: Emily Tudball - Secretary

2) Nigel reading through actions from previous meeting:

Mike confirmed he would be speaking to Tracey to enquire whether we would need to open a new bank account for transfer of funds, or whether we could transfer the existing one into a new name.

3) Draft Constitution:

Kathy had prepared the draft Constitution. Nigel reading through this and all agreeing that it was fairly standard. Graham would speak to an insurance broker as to whether or not we would need any public liability insurance. It was also agreed that any two members of the committee could sign cheques rather than just the Treasurer and one other signatory. Kathy would amend this, reprint and distribute.

4) Pumpkin Competition:

The pumpkin completion had been raised in the Stutton Standard newsletter and Julie would put this on Facebook when the other events had taken place. It was agreed that Paul C, Nigel, Sophie and Alex would judge the completion and the winning house would be announced in the pub on 6th November and a note of this would also be put on the notice board. A small prize (possibly a voucher) would be given to the winner.

5) Update on Bonfire Night:

Paul S informed the Committee that Emily had sent a letter to Mr Smith enquiring as to whether we could have a bonfire and fireworks in the grounds of the Hare and Hounds, also outlining that it may also be a good opportunity to raise some money for charity. Emily had also sent him a copy of the Newsletter. To date she had not had a reply. Ben said we could still make use of his garden if we hadn't heard anything from Mr Smith. If this was the case, Mike will get the fireworks for Kevin and he and Nigel will do the firework display as in previous years.

- Cakes could be made to raise money for charity - Emily and Sophie to organise cakes

- Tickets would be sold from behind the bar, these would include food.
- 7.30 p.m. for start of firework display
- Need to liaise with Kevin as to how much the tickets would be
- Mike will kindly print posters for displaying around the village and in pub
- Julie will advertise event on FB
- Sale of raffle tickets on the evening (prizes?)
- Glo sticks to purchase for children - Mike to ask Johnny to look into purchase of these

6) Christmas Event:

Paul C was the main organiser of this event which would take place on 13th December meeting at about 5.30 p.m. by the tree.

- We could turn the Church into Santa's Grotto - he would be Santa. This would need to be decorated by designated members (Paul, Michelle, Kathy, Sophie)
- Two tables outside Church to sell Mulled Wine, tea/coffee, mince pies
- We need to obtain Christmas tree and lights - Trevor will obtain a price for the tree if we tell him what size we need.
- Buy small presents for the children from Santa.
- After the event it was suggested that we could have a Christmas quiz in the pub and sell tables for a price. Proceeds can go to charity (Mike to speak to Tracey about how the money could be spent).
- Road would probably be partially taped off for a couple of hours.
- Maybe ask residents to turn their lights off during this time and then back on later.

7) PR update:

Julie had asked someone to do some research re setting up of a website for the Organisation. He said that it would probably cost us approximately £6 a month for a decent site. Therefore it was suggested that we should probably just use our Facebook page for the foreseeable future. Rachel Rose confirmed that the Parish Council were happy to put another page on their website for our Committee if we wanted them to do so. If we did, then they would like us to advertise the position of Parish Clerk who would be leaving them at the end of October. We could email her anything we would like to put on their website.

At this point Michelle mentioned that following the announcement of her Ladies singing evening in the Stutton Standard she had already had a few enquiries.

8) Village Hall:

At present Rachel runs the Village Hall, but mentioning that now we had a good community she would like to ask whether anyone would like to take over the running the Village Hall? Mike thought that this should actually be looked at by the

Parish Council and Paul confirming that this was indeed an ongoing issue constantly being raised by the Parish Council. Nigel pointing out that this was actually an entirely separate issue to the meeting at hand, but that the Social Committee would make a decision at a later date.

Paul S thought that the Village Hall could be hired at a cost of £15 an hour but a reduction to £10 an hour for local events.

Paul C saying that the clearing of toys etc. from the playgroup may be an issue as to why it is not being hired out on a regular basis. It was suggested that if a shed was erected to put the toys in it could solve the problem.

9) Delivery of Stutton Standard:

Mike had previously printed 200 copies. It was decided that people should walk their patch, let Kathy know the amount of houses they would be delivering to and Kathy would pass this onto Mike before the end of the month - Agreed areas and street allocations were decided as follows:

Paul and Em Terrace up to	-	From Graham's house, Green Lane, Hill top, Wilkinson the Livery at top of Green Lane
Paul C	-	Mill Lane, Manor Road and Cottages at bottom of the track
Christine	-	Malt Kilne Lane, Brant Lane and Cocksford
Kathy/Nigel	-	Church Crescent and Church Lane
Jill	-	Sugar Hill Farm (11 Houses)

10) Any other business:

- Nigel said would it be worth asking people to advertise in the Stutton Standard. Mike suggested selling the middle pages to advertisers for 12 months.
- Mike enquired as to what charities the surplus money would go to - are we picking one charity or a number? Graham thought we could pick three - maybe residents could vote on this on Facebook - Julie to put this on FB.
- Mike also saying that the Village has assets i.e. chairs in the Church. We could bring back to next meeting of list of assets to be used at the events. (chairs, tables, gazebos etc). Residents can make donation to the committee and hire the assets.
- Mention of the darts and dominos, chess, draughts and other games to get people into the pubs on a winter's night. These may also progress into teams in the future.

Date of next meeting - Tuesday 17th November.

