

**Stutton Village open meeting
Hare and Hounds pub
7 September 2015, 19:30**

1. Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Paul Spurrier welcomed everyone and explained the background to why the meeting had been called;

- To confirm St Aidan's has been purchased by Mike and Kathryn Grayson.
- The need for a community decision to be made on how to spend any funds left over from the St Aidan's appeal
- Opportunity to look at what we can do more as a community
- How that should be organised in future - Create a social committee?

2. Ideas and event suggestions

2.1 There was general discussion around suggestions for community events, activities and current limitations on using the village hall. I was commented that there has always been community spirit and events but it is sporadic, there has never been a common thread / nucleus to keep momentum going.

2.2 Village hall - At the moment there is a flat rate to hire the hall of £30, however it may be free to residents. As the main function of the hall is for the nursery it is often difficult to clear away the equipment for a lot of events.

2.3 Current events planned that could be promoted through a social committee and the Stutton Standard

- Back to the future party on 21st October 2015 (to be promoted Saturday 12th September at the dog show)
- The Art show (when?)
- Stutton Fest (May/June 2016) to repeat the success of the last one 10 years ago

2.4 Suggested activities and events included:

- Use St Aidan's to display local historic finds
- Family service on a Sunday at St Aidan's
- Use St Aidan's to watch sporting events e.g. Rugby world cup
- Street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday (June next year)
- 'Sing for fun' group
- 'Heart Sense' - Basic life support training
- Halloween party and/or walk in Stutton woods
- Open gardens

- Scarecrow festival
- Christmas Tree(s) and lighting - Mike agreed that we could put a large Christmas tree in front of St Aidan's
- Christmas event to turn on lights, sing carols, join in with musical instruments - possibly with mince pies and mulled wine?
- New year's eve event
- Bonfire night event

2.5 The point was made that we currently do have events, this is an opportunity to do them better, through advertising, better prizes, and more involvement.

2.6 As there will probably be further funds created through events we need to decide how to use them. It may be each year we have a nominated charity or we hold an event for those in the village (children's party, free Christmas meal for the over 65's were 2 suggestions)

3. St Aidan's Update

3.1 Mike Grayson gave an update on the St Aidan's situation, confirming his intentions to keep it as is. He confirmed that the building will be painted and have any electrical work done over the next few months as that is a priority the gardens will then be landscaped and he is looking into the possibility of other facilities, for example toilets.

4. Communications (inc. The Stutton Standard)

4.1 Emily has received positive feedback, both verbal and written from villagers regarding the first edition. It was agreed that the newsletter was a good idea and would hopefully help to encourage all in the village to become more involved as well as keeping people up-to-date with the latest events and goings on. Agreement needs to be made on distribution (who, how and where)

4.2 We discussed the possibility of creating a Facebook and Twitter account, having an electronic version of the newsletter available and looking into a confidential village email system.

4.3 Mike said that there will be a notice board erected at the front of St Aidan's that can also be used to promote events / messages.

4.4 One suggestion for the Stutton Standard was to interview members of the community that have lived in Stutton for a long time to preserve the memories and local history. If we had enough contributions Mike offered to make it into a book and print it.

5. Social committee members

5.1 Volunteers were requested and the following people put their name forward to be on the social committee

- Julie Chadwick
- Paul Chadwick
- Graham Hunter
- Emily Tudball
- Lynsay Wrigglesworth
- Nigel Hilton

5.2 A meeting will be set up as soon as possible to discuss roles, set out terms of reference and organise and prioritise events and funding.

ACTIONS

1. Emily to set up first social committee meeting around the end of September (done, set for 24th Sept)
2. Julie to look into the possibilities of confidential emailing and social media options (Facebook page now set up)
3. Charlie agreed to write an article on that last Stutton fest
4. Paul Spurrier & Stuart Wigglesworth to raise suggestion of Christmas tree at next parish council meeting
5. Chris Horton and Liz Hartley to supply articles on Halloween for Autumn edition of the Stutton Standard
6. Emily to draft next edition of the Stutton Standard by the end of September for print beginning/mid October
7. Graham Thompson to start contacting villagers that may be able to contribute to the interviews
8. Paul Spurrier to contact David Teal to discuss input to local history edition and film show availability