

STUTTON SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

17TH NOVEMBER 2015

1) PRESENT:-

Vice Chair: Graham Hunter Treasurer: Sophie Hilton
PR: Julie Chadwick Secretary: Emily Tudball Chair: Nigel Hilton (part)

Kathy Bird	Ben Browning
Mike Grayson	Michelle Hilton
Paul Chadwick	Liz Grant
Rachel Rose	Ian Grant
Christine Gillam	Trevor Hardy
Kevin Lynn (part)	Mandy Hardy

Apologies: Lynsay Wrigglesworth

2) Graham reading through actions from previous meeting:

2.1 Constitution has now been signed by all members is with Emily.

2.2 Graham confirmed that we probably would need public liability insurance and agreed to get some quotes for the next meeting.

2.3 Sophie confirmed that she had found a bank account that can have up to 3 signatures. It was agreed that Sophie, Julie and Graham will be the signatures for the account, with two require at any one time to authorise.

3) Review of Halloween and Bonfire night:

3.1 Halloween – It was felt by all that the evening and the pumpkin competition had been a success. There had been lots of positive feedback from residents regarding the competition and the timings for trick or treaters.

3.2 Julie commented that the judges did have to walk a fair way to see all the houses and suggested that it may be better to get people to bring their pumpkins to the pub at a certain time to be judged there. This would also increase the numbers of people coming into the pub.

3.3 It was also suggested that we extend the competition to best Halloween house / experience as some households had put effort into the experience for trick or treaters including lots of the adults dressing up!

3.4 Bonfire Night – The cake sales raised £130 for Martins House Hospice. The committee would like to thank all those that donated cakes for the stand and Mike, Nigel and Ben for enabling the firework display to happen

3.5 It was agreed that next year committee members should sell tickets as well as them

being available behind the bar. This should increase ticket sales and encourage more people to attend.

4) Letter from Gill Lodge

4.1 Village Hall – Rachel gave an update from the Parish Council meeting. In summary, it was agreed that although the social committee was sympathetic to the cause and appreciated all of Rachel's hard work, the members did not feel we should take on the ownership of the village hall. It was agreed that a new village Hall committee should be formed and that this would be advertised with the next Stutton standard.

ACTION: Rachel agreed to send Emily a note requesting volunteers (Done)

ACTION: Emily to advertise in the next Standard (done)

ACTION: Julie to request volunteers for committee on Facebook page with Rachel as contact.

4.2 St Aidans Fund – A concern had been raised that the consultation for how to spend the left over funds from the St Aidans fund (£1500) may not have been as extensive as possible. Mike explained what he had done to consult with the known 'core' of the fundraisers up to this point in time. The vast majority of respondents had indicated that the funds should be used to kick start the new village social committee.

4.3 In summary, the issue had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting where Tracy Fothergill (treasurer) requested a letter be placed on the Parish council website asking for comments/suggestions on how to spend the fund. Tracy will also put up posters and the link to the letter will be advertised in the next Stutton Standard. The deadline for responses is Tuesday 8 December.

ACTION: Emily to respond to Gill directly to give an update from the meeting

5) Update on Christmas Event:

5.1 Paul C gave an overview of timings and plans so far. It was agreed that we would have another meeting to discuss the detail and make sure plans were on track.

- Start time of 5:30pm at St Aidans Church
- 6pm Christmas tree lights switch on (encouraging residents to switch their lights on at this time as well.
- 6:15pm children to meet Santa and Choir to sing inside church
- Band timings to be agreed
- 3 x refreshment tables – Paul to agree locations
- Rachel Jackson and Michelle to lead on decorating the church inside
- Graham agreed to be a steward (Paul to also ask Charlie)
- Road won't be formally closed but we will notify residents on Church Crescent and
- Paul and Trevor to supply Christmas tree (bought)
- Stewart Wrigglesworth and Nigel to dig hole for tree
- Paul to ask Nicola whether she is available to be first aider
- Mike has supplied Christmas tree lights (post meeting)
- Christmas presents, cups and stollen purchased (post meeting)

5.2 Christmas raffle - Sophie agreed to contact businesses in Tadcaster to ask for donations for the raffle at the Christmas quiz.

5.3 The committee agreed that in future we should have a formula for charity donations. It was agreed that it would be a 50/50 split between the committee and the chosen charity.

6) PR update:

6.1 Julie gave an update on the Facebook page, confirming that it is still very active and attracting new members. She is continuing to look at options for a free website but until that time it has been agreed that we can have a page on the Parish Council website. Emily confirmed she will contact the Council and help with the design and uploads.

ACTION: Emily to contact Parish council with relevant information to be uploaded

6.2 Julie agreed to set up an email address for the committee –done

stuttonsocialcommittee@gmail.com

6.3 It was agreed we should use the current notice board (outside village hall) but we could look at having an 'A' board in the pub.

7) Attendees at the meeting:

7.1 It was agreed that the current format seems to be working well so unless anything changes (i.e. number of attendees significantly increase) we will keep to open meetings with the committee reserving the right to hold smaller meetings if we need to for specific events.

8) Stutton Standard:

8.1 Kathy confirmed there were around 175 households we deliver to, so 200 printed copies was probably the correct amount to also include those for the pub.

8.2 We briefly discussed the option for adverts within the Standard, possibly the 4 pages in the middle. This will be discussed again in the new year.

9) Any other business:

9.1 Rachel confirmed that the price for use of the village hall was £10 per hour or £30 for a party.

9.2 Various suggestions were made for events in the new year;

- Julie had received a suggestion for a Stutton 'Bake off' event possible once a month. We could have different categories each month (bread, pastries etc) and you could bring your entries down to the pub to be judged
- Emily is in discussions with Nicola to organise a first response session – basic lifesaving skills.
- Mike said he would be able to organise another clay pigeon shoot (March) and also a raffle shoot for younger residents (April/May)
- Nigel suggested another Golf driving range session

- Sophie suggested we should hold another village event in the first quarter of the year to keep momentum going – possibly Valentines or Burns night?

Date of next meeting – Thursday 3rd December.