**Shadoxhurst Village Forum - Minutes**

**30th Village Forum Meeting**

 **on**

**Monday 10th January 2022**

**In the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

* To maintain the quality of life for all in the village
* To generate issues that could be put to the Parish Council
* To re-kindle community spirit and engender friendship
* To build a social feeling in the village
* To suggest things that will bring people together
* With a Vision to create and develop a positive community spirit.
1. **Welcome and introductions - attendees:-** Peter, Emma, Karen, Ron, John, Cheryl, Sam, Paul, Bernard, Colin, Val, John, Hannah & Lis. Apologies David Ledger
2. **Election of Chairman and Note Taker -** still no takers for either position, Peter facilitated and took notes.
3. **Open Forum –** initiallyraising discussion items for Any Other Business (item 10) – this item moves simply to Any Other Business at the end of the meeting.
4. **Notes from previous meeting** (15th November 2021) – most had received these electronically so these were quickly run through as a refresher. No items raised which weren’t covered later.
5. **Review of Craft Fair and Quiz Night –** Hannah & Karen provided summaries of their respective events and expressed a willingness to undertake again**.** The craft fair raised £249.75 and the quiz night £304.40 against which costs of £165.43 were spent on long term items for future use i.e. Christmas trees, lights and banner. Net funds from the two events £388.72.
6. **First half of 2022 Events:-**- Murder Mystery (26th Feb) – tables booked, 4 spaces left on one. Cheque for £500 due to be handed over for DEBRA charity from Murder Again fund raising. Items for inclusion in a raffle requested (some may need to be purchased).
- Craft Demo (25th March) – Hannah to review plans in light of is it a demonstration or opportunity for “hands on” or a combination of both.
- April – Marsh Vintage Amusements event at the Recreation centre – no Forum involvement
- May – Music Quiz on either the 7th or 14th, Cheryl to confirm.
7. **Queen’s Jubilee weekend in June.** Details to resolve:
* Agreed to Saturday 4th June, open from mid-day till 6pm
* Format to be “Picnic in the Park” style with local villagers invited to attend bringing their own food and drink, tables and chairs etc.
* Music to be provided by a combination of a live band (local group based in Hythe – Lis to confirm booking details), & background music.
* Attractions to include:-
- face painting (John provided details),
- a “Beer Tent” (Emma to approach Old Dairy Brewery),
- Field games (“Splat a Rat”, Jenga, hook a duck etc.), “Beat the Speed Indicator Device” – Speedwatch, Target Shooting (Courtside?) – John and Hannah agreed to lead on these.
- Ice Cream Van.
- Roving Entertainer – Emma to obtain contact details for a previously seen childrens entertainer who can wander around the event showing various “magic” tricks e.g. cards, balloons etc.
- Cheryl to approach her daughter who might undertake Salsa dancing performance/taster session
- Competitions/Community Involvement – e.g. Painting/drawing, cakes, fancy dress. TBC. Sam and Karen agreed to lead on these.
- Local village groups to be offered to option to attend and promote themselves by way of a stall (not to sell items!). Lis to co-ordinate

The idea being the attractions should be funded by the Forum to encourage Community spirit or self financing for those selling products.
* Grants / Funding / Finance – Emma to approach SPC as it was understood central Government have made funding available for local events. Needed to cover “fixed costs” e.g. Band, St Johns Ambulance, Porta-Loos – which will equate to circa £1,000.
Forum raised funds to be used to cover activities at the event.
* Shadoxhurst Scouts to be approach (Peter) to enquire as to any plans they may have which can work with/alongside the event.
* Field decorations – look to purchase appropriate plastic bunting/stakes etc.
1. **Village Fete – AKA Marsh Vintage Amusements –** this event is destined to take place without the option for any village involvement.
2. **Ideas for events in the second half of the year:-**- July/August - Car Boot Fair? – John to lead
- September – Race Night (John)
- 8th October – Quiz (Karen)
- 25th November – Craft Fair (Hannah)
- December – Christmas Wreath making workshop (Hannah)
3. **Clubs and Groups news – nothing specific to raise**
4. **Parish Council Updates** – nothing specific to raise although 2 vacancies exist if anyone would like to join.
5. **Any Other Business** – nothing additionally raised
6. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 7th February 2022, 19.30 in the Village Hall**.**