**Shadoxhurst Village Forum - Minutes**

**31st Village Forum Meeting**

 **on**

**Monday 7th February 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 - regular attendees:-** Peter, Emma, Karen, Ron, John, Sam, Paul, Bernard, Colin, Val, John, Hannah, Lis and David Ledger with a warm welcome to Alison and Sarah Lanning joining us for the first time.
2. **Election of Chairman and Note Taker -** offered but no takers, Peter facilitated and took notes again.
3. **Notes from previous meeting** (10 January 2022) – had been circulated and formed the basis for items in this meeting through updates and next actions.
4. **First half of 2022 Events:-**- Murder Mystery (26th Feb) – all tables booked, 2 individual spaces available, Lis will start collecting monies shortly. If anyone has any items for the evenings raffle please let Lis know so they can be dropped off/collected.- Craft Demo (25th March) – an advertisement is to appear in this months village Newsletter. Hannah will present at the session rather than it being “hands on” – looking for a hands-free radio mic and amplifier. Peter to check with David to see if the Parish has one that can be used – if not Peter has one but is not available on the day.
- April – Marsh Vintage Amusements event at the Recreation field – no Forum involvement. Emma continues with the SPC engagement for this item.
- May – Music Quiz on either the 7th or 14th, Cheryl to confirm.
5. **Queen’s Jubilee weekend in June.** Details agreed:
* 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 vocal group (OPUS 32 - £150), That ‘70’s Band (£250 - due to start using the village hall for rehersals) and pre-recorded background music. Format agreed Lis to confirm with respective groups – Lis to confirm booking details),
* Attractions to include:-
- face painting - £80 (Peter has booked & £40 deposit paid),
- a “Beer Tent” (Emma to approach the new managers of the Kings Head as they have indicated they may be will to help).
- Field activities :-
- games (we have “Splat a Rat” and Peter will purchase large versions of Connect 4, Jenga and Quoits), spray chalk will be used to mark out Hopscotch.
- Attractions (we have Roger with the “Beat the Speed Indicator Device” – Speedwatch and Football Target Shooting (Peter has engaged with Vanessa at Courtside) and “Welly Wanging” plus use can be made of the Basket ball hard standing/hoop

Whilst some activities can be left to run themselves during the afternoon an element of competition can be added to the day by allocating specific times with winners being recognised with defined categories. Hannah & John agreed to lead on these.

- Ice Cream Van – nothing confirmed as yet, Emma has a contact and Peter will try the Jones at the Furniture store along Long Length (update – they no longer offer this).
- Roving Entertainer – The contact cannot make the event so any alternatives?
- Cheryl to approach her daughter who might undertake Salsa dancing performance/taster session – awaiting confirmation
- Competitions/Community Involvement – e.g. Painting/drawing, cakes, fancy dress. Cake Decoration competition prizes to be awarded at 1.30pm to allow them to be eaten! Various options discussed - Sam and Karen agreed to lead on these.
- Local village groups have been approached and a number have confirmed that they will have a “stand” to promote themselves. Lis to co-ordinate
- Peter has approached Simon Slater-Canon regarding inclusion of the Scouts, they will look to have their own attractions on the day. The Forum to keep them involved in arrangements

The focus of the day remains that games, activities and entertainment should be funded by or through the Forum to encourage Community spirit or self-financing for those selling products (i.e. “Beer tent” (aka refreshments) and Ice Creams.
* Grants / Funding / Finance – Emma to approach SPC for direct support, David has allocated £700 from his Ward member grant pot (Peter to provide Emma with a part-completed application as he has recently submitted a grant for another group).

ABC also have other grant options to be investigated. Care that expenditure has to be post grant applications as they won’t reimburse previous expenditure.

Existing Forum raised funds from previous events will be used to cover any shortfall.
* Field decorations – look to purchase appropriate plastic bunting/stakes etc.

David updated upon Orlestone village plans for their event which will be on the same day – seem to be following a similar event set-up to us. Kingsnorth and Woodchurch are aiming “big” with carnival floats and stalls etc. but their events will be on Sunday the 5th June.

1. **Ideas for events in the second half of the year:-**- July/August - Car Boot Fair? – John to lead, need to confirm activity is acceptable to SPC as it’s not something usually held on the Recreation field. Date to be either of the last two weeks in July
- September – Race Night (John) – Activity confirmed date to be finalised.
- 8th October – Quiz (Karen)
- 26th November – Saturday Craft Fair (Hannah)
- 3rd December – Christmas Wreath making workshop 2-4pm (Hannah)
2. **Clubs and Groups news – nothing specific to raise**
3. **Parish Council Updates** – nothing specific to raise although 2 vacancies exist if anyone would like to join.
4. **Any Other Business** – nothing additionally raised
5. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 7th March 2022, 19.30 in the Village Hall**.**