**Shadoxhurst Village Forum - Minutes**

**32nd Village Forum Meeting**

**Monday 7th March 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**
2. **Election of Chairman/Facilitator and Note Taker – yet to be allocated ,**
3. **Any issues on notes from previous meeting** (7th February 2022) - none.
4. **First half of 2022 Events:-**- Murder Mystery (26th Feb) – resume by Lis - £280 tickets, £99 raffle less £33.5 expenses. It was agreed to donate half monies raised (£172.75) to the charity DEBRA.- Craft Demo (25th March) – update by Hannah, 9 people currently booked although only 3 from Shadoxhurst. Peter will promote via social media.

- April – Marsh Vintage Amusements event has been postponed – Emma, proposed August Bank Holiday alternative date although yet to be confirmed

- May – Music Quiz 7th May - Cheryl to feed into support required from Forum. Proposed £6 per head with tables of 8.

1. **Queen’s Jubilee weekend in June.** Details agreed:
* Review any issues to date – nothing raised.
* Agree steps and responsibilities for next steps
* Progress with:-

- a “Beer Tent” - Emma – Katrina at the Kings Head has agreed to take this on.
- Field activities – trial items purchased Connect 4, Jenga and Quoits – any other items to be purchased to be kept under review.
- Ice Cream Van – [WWW.CrownIces.co.uk](http://WWW.CrownIces.co.uk) (will pay 15% of takings back to village).
- Roving Entertainer – yet to be found, Alison may have a contact, will feed into group.
- Salsa dancing performance/taster session – awaiting details from Cheryl although the Line Dancers have enquired over a performance area.
- Competitions/Community Involvement – Sam and Karen to confirm offerings and Hannah will draft an insert flyer for the next Village Newsletter – deadline for agreed item end of March. David agree a double sided, high quality print can be undertaken by the Woodchurch Hub with the Newsletter.
- Local village groups - Lis updated, good response from village groups who are looking to have a presence although Flower Arrangers to confirm as they were looking to have a Tombola (which has been declined). The CofE churches of Kingsnorth and Shadoxhurst are looking to have a presence. Lis to confirm with the Methodists to see if they wish to be involved.
- Scouts – Simon advised that, whilst personally he and Kim won’t be available on the day the group will undertake events within and around their hut on the day. Details to be provided once decided.
* Grants / Funding / Finance – SPC agreed £500 plus David Ledger has allocated £700 from his Ward member grant pot which when added to the existing “float” held by SPC gives circa £3,200 available. To date it is looking as this will be more than sufficient and still leave a reserve for future events.
* Field decorations – Peter to purchase lengths of bunting to decorate the site and work with Emma for Jubilee themed items.
* Banners for the village – Hannah agreed to look at creating a number for various locations around the village (Pump/Village Green, Village Hall, Kings Close/Millennium sign). Ownership of the Millenium sign are wasn’t clear but thought to belong to the house behind the Hedge – Peter to write to owner (Chantal) to clarify.
* Sundry items identified for use on the day – baby wipes (to clean hands etc. where colouring etc.), pre-wrapped lollies and sweets (as token prizes), Hand sanitizers.
1. **Ideas for events in the second half of the year:-**- July - Car Boot Fair – John
- September – Race Night (John) – Activity confirmed date to be finalised.
- 8th October – Quiz (Karen) – in hand
- 26th November – Saturday Craft Fair (Hannah) – in hand
- 3rd December – Christmas Wreath making workshop 2-4pm (Hannah) – in hand
2. **Clubs and Groups news –** updates on those where members have involvement were provided. All appear to be functioning well.

**Scouts:**- Now have 11 Beavers, 18 cubs, 18 Scouts in the group with sizeable local representation. Clarification as to Church parade support for St.Georges day parades to be sought as may be changed to the afternoon.

1. **Parish Council Updates** –2 vacancies still exist if anyone would like to join. Emma provided an update on plans for Pavilion replacement, Village Hall improvement and play are improvement. Funding availability and sources discussed – agreed Forum is nlikely to be able to provide significant amounts but could fund specific smaller items where a need is identified by SPC unable to fund (in the way PCC’s operate with schools).
2. **Any Other Business – nothing raised.**
3. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 4th April 2022, 19.30 in the Village Hall**.**