**Shadoxhurst Village Forum – Minutes**

**35th Village Forum Meeting**

 **on**

**Monday 13th June 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 apologies for absences –** Paul and Sam Taig, Emma Yeomans – David Ledger arrived 8.15pm
2. **Positions of Chairman/Facilitator and Note Taker –** Both continue as vacant Peter continued to lead, Lis took notes.
3. **Issues raised on the notes from previous meeting** (9th May 2022) Correct address for Possingham Farm is Betherden Road , Great Chart. .
4. **First half of 2022 Events:-** Review of Queen’s Jubilee weekend in June.
* Recent feedback excellent especially those from outside e.g. Opus 32, That 70’s band and face painter. The ice cream van sent us £80 representing 15% of their takings. The Forum agreed to pay Ark Drama £20 for use of PA system. There are a few medals left over which will be handed to any helpers, such as Peter P and Paul and possibly Becky, Bernard, and Pam who have not already received one.
* Learning points beet tent – it was felt the Kings Head could have been more proactive in terms of their self publicity and by way of a keg/barrel offering. Agreed that we need to consider a more “real ale” offering next time e.g. The Stag brewery (Joe) is a possibility but we need to have active engagement with and from any vendor chosed. Another option would be to have teas /coffees in future but that would need more resources than we have at this event,
* Do we look to undertake a similar/more comprehensive event in 2023 along the lines of the Annual Big Lunch although it would be an idea it was thought better to wait for another big occasion e.g. Queens 100th Birthday or her successors Coronation. Perhaps a fair other years but it will depend upon volunteer numbers.
1. **Ideas for / schedule of events in the second half of the year:-**- 31st July - Car Boot Fair – see below
- 24th September – Race Night (John) **cancelled** – as Peter had booked the hall for the 23rd and it is now booked by a third party on the 24th it is proposed to hold a “Thank You” get together of all the volunteers from the Queens Jubilee event, self-funded, making use of the fish and chip van and bringing own drinks. The event should be purely social and look towards an event to include music/games etc.
- 8th October – Quiz (Karen confirmed in hand)
- 26th November – Saturday Craft Fair – Hannah will start approaching and advertising for stall holders
- 3rd December – Christmas Wreath making workshop 2-4pm (Hannah) in hand and no more pine cones needed!
* A jumble sale/table top sale was also discussed to be looked at, possibly based in the village hall and car park after the boot fair.
1. **Clubs and Groups news
-** Ark Drama show 2nd July, Peter Pan,
- history club working on calendar/and updates to the content of the Les Chowns book,
- Chatterbox coffee now 6 years old, celebration to take place from 1pm – 4pm Tuesday 21st June
2. **Parish Council Updates none -** question asked , what is happening re Marsh amusements – hopefully Emma can update at the next meeting.
3. **Any Other Business –** The Forum agreed topurchase the portable PA system from D Ledger for £150, this, along with the projector, will be a Forum asset which could be lent/hired to other village groups.

- Karen and Ron promoted their choir concert on the 9th July, Lis and Peter will promote through village Facebook/Nextdoor. Poster put up in hall.

1. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 4th July 2022, 19.30 in the Village Hall**.** David gave prior apologies he will be late.

**Boot Fair**

* Open to the public from 10am – 2pm, open gates at 9am for stall holders.
* Map for layout was circulated by John – agreed to extend the overflow car park onto small football pitch.
* No additional toilets to be made available – stall holders to use pavilion ones, public only in emergency. It was felt that most attendees will not stay long enough to need one although the pavilion will be available if required.
* Serve tea/coffee and cake not bacon rolls as previously discussed. Use cups etc. purchased for picnic not used. Ensure cake ingredients displayed re allergies.
* Cakes to be provided by donations or purchased if needed.
* John to get together a list of volunteers suggested around 12-13 would be needed to effectively man the car movements and teas/coffees.
* Hi Viz jackets will be needed for stewards and possibly walkie/talkies (Peter has these if needed).
* PA system to be used for announcements. Lost children /information point?
* Timetable for set up: Saturday evening stake out areas a possibility? Sunday morning rest of set up from 7am to ensure areas clearly marked for stall holders, public parking and access to limit mixing of pedestrians and vehicles.
* John/Hannah to produce some flyers, David to obtain quotes for printing which will be covered from the Forum funds as this is a fund raising not a village specific event.
Looking to have flyers distributed at the end of June and then a Newsletter insert in the July Village Newsletter. David to approach distribution volunteers re their support for an extra delivery. John offered to pick up areas if need be.