

## **Minutes of Welborne Village Hall Events Committee 6 December, 2016 7.30pm**

**Present:** T Curson (ch), C Butcher, A Egerton-Smith, I Ferguson, B Hancock, T Harvey, D Tudball (sec), D Woods.

**Apologies:** M Webb (treas).

**Fred Elson:** With great sadness and condolences to his family the committee recorded the recent death of Fred Elson who had given unstinting service and support to both Welborne and Mattishall villages over many years, particularly to Welborne Village Hall and this events committee. His generosity, public spiritedness, independent mind, humour and friendship would be deeply missed by the many people whose lives he had touched and who would long remember him with warm affection.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 1 November, 2016 were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising:** -

**Treasurer's Report:** MW had submitted a report to 1 November 2016.

**Lettings:** -

**Events:** **a) Past:** **i) Chilli & Films** (Friday 4 November) - TC said this had gone very well and we could perhaps do it again. The committee thanked organiser BH who said it had raised about £200 net and the format seemed right. **ii) CAE Village Screen *Florence Foster Jenkins*** (Friday 18 November) - DT said this had drawn a capacity crowd of about 50, including an unprecedented dozen-plus on the door. **iii) Welborne Christmas Fair** (Saturday 3 December) - this now well-established fair, organised by Sharon Ferguson, completed a trio of very successful recent events and, as A E-S put it, had been a "huge success". IF said it had raised £910 net and the visit of Father Christmas for the first time had drawn in many more children than before - with their parents - contributing £104. A lot of people had done a lot of work and it had really paid off. **b) Future:** **i) New Year Chicken & Chips Supper (Vegetarian Option)** (Friday 13 January 2017 7.30pm) - it was agreed to increase the charge slightly, TC/DT to finalise. **ii) Creative Arts East Village Screen Films *Absolutely Fabulous, Bridget Jones's Baby, The Girl on the Train*** - it was agreed to try to book these three films for Fridays 27 January, 17 February and 10 March. **iii) CAE Live *StringFillies on the road*** - BH said the church was keen on possibly staging this group of traditional music harp and string players/singers. It was agreed to try to book them for Friday 24 March (preferably) or Friday 31 March, subject to confirmation of the church as venue; the vicar would be asked if he would agree to alcohol being sold in the church. **iv) Welborne Summer Fun Day** (Sunday 9 July) - TC said he had attended a recent Welborne arts committee meeting and it was now clear there would be no 2017 Welborne arts event. This meant tentative council funding, which might have supported a joint *Arts/Fun Day* event, would not be available. At the same time, however, neighbours of TC's who would be holding a meadow wedding party on Saturday 8 July had generously offered to make the marquee, generator and other facilities available for a village event the next day. This was a week earlier than the previously targeted Saturday 15 July for a summer event but had the added advantage of avoiding clashing with another village wedding planned for the 15th. It was agreed to take up the offer and to ask Terry Medcalf to spearhead organisation of an event on Sunday 9 July based on his *Funlympics* concept outlined at the November meeting.

**Trustees:** -

**Village Website:** -

**Any Other Business:** DT said Dean Sully from the church had been in touch to notify tentative plans for 2017 church events in connection with the Fawley Towers project so as to avoid possible clashes with our events and also for potential cooperation on some. DT would send him our programme and tell him we see no problems with the timetable he had outlined.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 3 January 2017, 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.