

RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE CHRISTMAS EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th
SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE VILLAGE HALL ANNEX AT 1800hrs.**

Present

Chris Lee (Chairperson), Cllr Vernon Wood, Cllr Jennie Cliff, Cllr Colin Cross, Jan Richardson, Jim Morris, Clerk to the Council.

CE 12/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Cllr Suzie Powell-Cullingford, Cllr Caspar Hancock, Glyn Watkins, Nigel Bruder, Mike Baker, Jackie van Heesewijk, and Peter Hookins were received and accepted.

CE 13/14 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosures of interest were received.

CE 14/14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2014 at 1800hrs at Ripley Royal British Legion were not tabled due to a clerking error. It was agreed that the draft minutes will be signed off at the next meeting.

CE 15/14 STALLS

75 stalls had been booked. The chairperson confirmed some stall types (cupcakes, jewellery, etc.) are now being turned away as duplicates. 100 stalls in total are anticipated.

CE 16/14 BBQ

The pros and cons of running a second BBQ stall were discussed. The extra stock required would generate its own extra revenue. Only one gazebo is currently available to the Christmas Fair Committee and there were concerns over a potential shortage of volunteers to run a second BBQ stall. It was suggested that the existing BBQ stall opened earlier in order to serve bacon rolls to stallholders and early visitors. Concerns were raised that a second BBQ stall would not necessarily increase revenue and of potential adverse weather conditions affecting sales. Cllr Cliff volunteered to help with the early shift.

It was Resolved:

That the chairperson asks Cllrs Hancock and Powell-Cullingford, and residents from Polesden Lane to be team leaders.

That the chairperson details the discussion to Nigel Bruder.

That the chairperson speaks to the manager of Budgens, on Nigel Bruder's advice, to discuss their potential support.

That the chairperson follows up the anecdotal reports that The Anchor may be planning a hog roast on the day.

CE 17/14 RAFFLE

23 raffle prizes confirmed so far, one more than last year's total. The Anchor are supplying the artwork and tickets. The chairperson will discuss the logo artwork with The Anchor, brief Melissa Wishart on the list of prizes, and ask Cllr Hancock to follow up Dolittle's offer of a prize.

CE 18/14 VOLUNTEERS

The chairperson has yet to confirm the First Aider. Cllr Cliff is to ask amongst friends for extra help on the day. The chairperson will contact last year's Santa and marshalls and is hopeful that this will be enough. No responses were received for an appeal for marshalls in the most recent Ripley & Send Matters.

CE 19/14 ADVERTISING

The chairperson revealed the new artwork. New photographs are required for future Christmas Fair artwork and Christmas cards. It was suggested that a photography competition could bring in some new images for future artwork. The chairperson will proceed with this year's artwork. Ripley Farmers' Market will sponsor the printing of the leaflets. Cllr Cliff will check that Lloyd's Pharmacy will continue to sell raffle tickets.

CE 20/14 ENTERTAINMENT

No carol singers have been booked for the switching on of the lights. Cllr Cross offered cds of traditional carol singing and suggested printing out lyric sheets to encourage public participation.

Jennie has confirmed the attendance of the Harley Davidsons.

CE 21/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th October 2014 at 1800hrs at the Ripley Village Hall annex

The meeting closed at 1850hrs.

Signed:

Date: