

RIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the CHRISTMAS EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held on TUESDAY 5th APRIL 2016 in the VILLAGE HALL ANNEX at 1900hrs.**

Present

Chris Lee (Chairperson), Cllr Jennie Cliff, Cllr Suzie Powell-Cullingford, Cllr Vernon Wood, Nigel Bruder, Elaine Cooper, and Peter Hookins.
Jim Morris, Clerk to the Council.

CE 51/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Jackie van Heesewijk, Jan Richardson, and Glyn Watkins.

CE 52/15 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No disclosures of interest were received.

CE 53/15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2015, and the notes of the social meeting held on 18th January 2016 were received, confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by the Chairperson.

CE 54/15 STALLS

The meeting received a report from the Clerk on Christmas Fair profits in recent years. A query was raised over whether replacement lights had been partly grant funded. Christmas Fair profits would be ring-fenced in future to protect against a poor turnout.

The stalls booking form had been updated to show this year's date. The price of a stall had been held at £35. The booking form would be sent out to previous stall holders at the end of April, with further publicising to take place after depending on take-up.

It was RESOLVED: that the report on the stalls booking form be noted. The Chairperson would circulate the booking form to previous stallholders, followed by further potential stallholders at the end of April. The website 'stallfinder' would also be utilised.

CE 56/15 RAFFLE

The new pitch for the raffle stall had worked well and takings were slightly up on the previous year. A banner for the stall would be purchased for this year's stall. A discussion on whether to offer a cash prize was held. Some prizes had remained unclaimed, including the turkey. Members proposed themselves to approach local businesses.

It was RESOLVED: that offering a cash prize would be reconsidered for the 2017 Christmas Fair. The Chairperson would send out a list of potential prize-givers for Committee members to approach.

CE 57/15 ENTERTAINMENT

Most of the usual entertainment had confirmed again for this year's event. Wills & Smerdon were happy for their office to be used as the Control Point once again.

CE 58/15 FLYER

The date of the Fair would need to be updated. Jackie van Heesewijk would contact the designer. it was noted that some more detail could be added, including details and timing of the raffle draw. **It was RESOLVED: that the Chairperson would liaise with Jackie van Heesewijk on flyer design.**

CE 59/15 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 1900hrs in the Village Hall Annex.

The meeting closed at 1955hrs.

Signed:

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