Minutes of the Parish & Social Life Committee Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on Monday, 9th October 2017 at 17 Epsom Down, Alton.

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| ITEM |  | ACTION |
|  | Present – David Allan, Peter Bell, Clare Kirby, Jenny Lawrence, Clive Muller, Sarah Neish and Tim Codling (Chair) |  |
|  | Apologies for absence – Judy Philips and Jenny Thompson. |  |
| 1. | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.  The minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd July were accepted as a true record of that meeting. |  |
| 2. | MATTERS ARISING  In answer to David Allan’s question from the previous meeting concerning the Christmas Lunch, Tim informed the meeting that John and Janet Ogden are organising the Christmas Lunch again this year, which will be held in the Parish Centre. David asked for the details to be forwarded to him and Tim agreed to do this.  As there is no representative from Holy Rood on the committee, Tim said he would speak to Alan Armstrong to see whether he would be interested in joining the committee.  *Subsequent to the meeting Alan has asked Tim to forward a copy of the last minutes to him.* | T.C.  T.C. |
| 3.  4.  5.  6.  7.  8.  9. | GAP Big Meal  Proposed Dates and Times for 2018  April 21st – Breakfast at the Methodist’s 8.30am – 10.30am  May 19th – Coffee at All Saints 10.00am – 11.30am (TBC)  June 23rd– Lunch at St. Lawrence 12.00pm – 2.00pm (TBC)  July 21st – Afternoon tea at St. Peter’s 3.00pm – 5.00pm  August 25th – Wine and Nibbles at Holy Rood 6.00pm – 8.00pm  Donations from the Travelling Meals in 2018 will go towards the Anna Chaplaincy and the Epoulbass Foundation.  It was suggested by Peter Bell that the Travelling Meals should be rebranded and suggested the name ‘The Big Meal’. The committee agreed this.  Lunch Club  The Lunch Club is still taking place in Beech Village Hall between 12.30pm and 2.00pm on the second Monday of the month and is thriving with many people attending each luncheon.  Jigsaw Puzzle Festival  Although the Parish & Social Life Committee were not directly involved, it was agree that the Jigsaw Puzzle Festival, held between 23rd and 28th August in St. Lawrence Church had been a great success and again brought members of the POTR together.  GAP Skittles Evening  Tim informed the meeting that the number of people wishing to attend the GAP Skittles Evening at the Jolly Farmer, Blacknest on the 27th October was very encouraging.  *Subsequent to the meeting the Skittles Evening was held at the Jolly Farmer and was attended by 32 people. The trophy was retained by the POTR.*  Quiz Night  This event is due to take place in the Parish Centre on Saturday the 18th November. The price of a ticket will be £10, which will include a fish and chips supper. Peter Bell agreed to produce the poster and put an advertisement in Sunrise and Parish Matters.  Christmas Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival  After some discussion it was agreed that the Christmas Fayre should not be held this year, although the Christmas Tree Festival will still take place in St. Lawrence Church over the weekend of 8th/10thDecember. It was suggested that some stalls could be set up in the church although space would be limited. Tim agreed to speak to Jenny and Elaine.  GAP/Methodist Events  David Allan informed the meeting of the forthcoming events taking place at the Methodist Church, including their Christmas Fair in November and the Seasonal Walk taking place on 23rd October. | S.N.  T.C./D.A.  P.B.  T.C.  D.A. |
| 10. | Future Events  Pancakes in the Park  It is thought that this event is likely to take place again in February. However, if it is on Tuesday the 13th February as suspected the Methodist Church kitchens will be unavailable and the pancakes will need to be reheated in the Parish Centre kitchen instead. Tim to confirm the date with Alton Town Council.  *Subsequent to the meeting Tim has spoken to Alexandra at the council and confirmed that it is indeed Tuesday 13th February.*  Summer Fete  It was proposed that a Summer Fete should be held in the grounds of St. Lawrence Church on the 23rd June. It is hoped that the ‘Big Lunch’ at St. Lawrence could be held in conjunction with the proposed Summer Fete. However, before this can be confirmed it is necessary to ensure that it does not coincide with any weddings due to take place in the church on the same day. Tim to speak to Tori.  *Subsequent to the meeting Clare Kirby reported that there was indeed a wedding on the 23rd June so an alternative date needs to be found.*  GAP Skittles Evening  It is proposed to hold this event in late October.  Open Air Service & Picnic  It was suggested that it might be a good idea to hold an open-air service and picnic within the POTR. It was agreed that this proposal is worth investigating further. | T.C.  T.C. |
| 11. | AOB  There was no other business. |  |
|  | Date and time of next meeting  7.30pm on Monday, 15th January 2018 at Tim Codling’s house – 17 Epsom Down, Alton. |  |