

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOTTON BRIDGE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP
HELD ON TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE HELP AND INFORMATION
CENTRE, BRANNON WAY, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Ken Morris (Chairman), Roger MacDonald (Vice- Chairman), Steve Porter, Carol King, Sue Morrison, Doreen Gazey, Val Cooper (Secretary) Madge & Brian Reeves, Jilly Hambley & Andy Jackson, Pete Flynn, Lynne Ashmead, Sue RowntreeAnne Monaghan.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
No apologies for absence had been received.
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2012
RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7
FEBRUARY 2012 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED
BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Play Area at the Recreation Ground

The secretary reported that the new play equipment and fencing had been installed at the Recreation Ground. There had been some problems with the safety matting and grass on the mound for the slide. This was being addressed.

4. ISLE OF WIGHT STEAM RAILWAY
To report on the formal opening of the Steam Railway and to discuss the forthcoming open evening and “Friends of Wootton Station”.
Ken had opened the renovated station at Wootton on 19th May 2012. This was in respect of the recreation of Wootton Station into a typical Isle of Wight Central Railway country terminus of the early 1900s. The sun shone for this event and it was well attended.

The open evening for residents of Wootton was being held on Wednesday 13th June 2012. Residents had been invited from 6.00 p.m. onwards to view the new station buildings and then to catch the special train for Havenstreet at 7 pm to join staff and volunteers for tea and cakes and a brief presentation detailing the project. The train returns to Wootton Station at 8.40 p.m.

A group of volunteers is required to be called the “Friends of Wootton Station”, with the hope that these volunteers will take on responsibility for the running of Wootton Station under guidance from the management.

5. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – 5 JUNE 2012
Approximately 117 people had bought tickets for the afternoon tea party, with more still expected. Help was requested in moving and setting up tables and chairs in the Village Square if the weather is good, otherwise the event will be held in the Community Centre. Scorpio had been invited for magic sessions from 3 to 4 p.m. Sue Rowntree offered to make cakes and other volunteers came forward to provide cakes or other refreshments. Steve was to organize platters of Sandwiches from Sainsburys. It was agreed it was better to over-do the food than not have enough. Hot water urns, cups and tea and coffee were organised. If people turn up without a ticket they will have to wait until all the booked people are seated before they can be accommodated.
6. PARTY IN THE PARK – 21 JULY 2012

Social Committee Meeting – 27.3.12

A letter had been provided to Sue and Lynne for the raffle. The Smoke Filled room and fire engine are coming from the Fire Service. A suggestion had been made for the Community Bus to come and promote the service. All agreed this would be a good idea. Radio Ham – Brian has arranged and Madge will sort out where they go. The Oak Tree by the School gate had been checked by Parks who will trim but they have no major concerns. Scouts will do Garden on a Plate again. Bouncy Castle is

coming as usual. Waiting to hear about old fashioned swing boats. If not ask Rodeo Bull. Old Fashioned barrow, trampolines etc are new for this year. PGL will do Wootton Mini Olympics – Val will liaise with them and also ask if they have a PA system. We need someone to run the Tug of War this year – Val will ask the Rugby Club. Morris Dancers are coming. Falconry cannot come this year. Andy offered to be MC for afternoon and evening. St Johns and Red Cross unable to come so asked Event Medical. Carol has arranged Classic Cars. Brian Ballard arranging Stewards – more requested at Partnership Meeting and Val to ask Rugby Club also. Larry Laws has been approached to see if Army Cadets can come – waiting to hear. Roger said the Steam Railway will have a stand. Val will liaise with Peter Vail on this. Brian said the school teacher for County Dancing is hoping to get children there to do a display. Brian has arranged a caller for the evening social dancing. Need to ensure buckets are taken round again for donations. Parking at the school for the disabled is fine but need to ensure the gate is locked so need a marshall there.

Evening Picnic, Music event

Andy still okay to run the evening event. Brian has organized the groups.

General Discussion on PIP

Need help to put up and take down marquees. Steve suggested getting frames out the week before in case repairs are needed. Next Social Committee Meeting will be 10th July at 7.00 p.m. to finalise arrangements. (Lynne sent her apologies for this meeting). Andy asked if programmes are required again this year – all agreed these would be greatly appreciated.

7. OLD SCHOOL BUILDING – NEW ROAD

To report on the progress made in taking on the old school building as a community asset as well as ensuring a home for the Youth Club.

Steve reported that the old school building has been officially deemed surplus to requirements and the IW Council would like to sell this. The Parish Council want to keep this as a community asset. Steve and Barry Abraham are in discussions with Property Service about the lease that would be offered to the Parish Council. Steve said only one official night is now running in respect of the Youth Club (Monday Junior night) which the Parish Council now run with staff from PGL. The building needs to be kept not only as a community asset but also for a home for the youth in the village.

8. BIG TIDY UP

The Big Tidy Up on 27th March 2012 was poorly attended. Discussion took place about how to make this more successful, ie maybe weekends or evenings. It was agreed early evening may be the best option and suggestions for publicising this included Village Talk, Tesco Notice Board, Scouts etc.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Village Noticeboards Carol mentioned a board she had seen in another Parish that could be written on and updated regularly. Carol will let us know which Parish had this so that Val can contact.

Best Kept Village Judging had taken place – results were awaited.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

No date was set for the next meeting. A date will be set if required after Party in the Park. Otherwise the AGM needs to be held in October 2012.

There being no other information to discuss the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Signed:

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