

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 9 March 2006

Those present were: Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Martin Dachs, Helen Galer, Bridget Gaskill, Alan Hooker, Elwyn Hughes, Geoff Larcombe, Jean Morgan, Christine White and Roy White.

Apologies: Stuart Bond, Charlotte Oldwood

1. **Election of Chairman:** NC proposed that SB continue to act as Chairperson. This was seconded by ShB and was carried unanimously. It was felt that the position of Vice Chair shouldn't be filled as AH volunteered to run meetings in SB's absence. He felt that PH would also fill in as required.

(NOTE: Chairmain will raise this issue at the next meeting).

2.The minutes of the AGM and February's meeting were considered. Action: AH said that he would bring the paperwork for Fireworks Training to April's meeting.

3.The issue of low numbers attending the AGM was discussed. It was felt that the lack of publicity, the venue and the standard of refreshments were contributory factors. It was felt that these should be discussed at the October meeting of the CA.

4.BG reported on the last meeting of the Editorial Board for the Bridge magazine. Everything seemed to be on course. ShB and JM felt that the schools had the competition in hand.

5.Gala Week

a)HG raised the issue of the Fun Run. Action: NC to check with WM if he is intending to organise it this year. If not there was the possibility of the Comrades doing so.

b)BG confirmed that the Sheepdog display had been booked. The Raptor Foundation won't be coming but she was exploring the possibility of Shepreth Wildlife Park attending.

c)ShB confirmed that Maypole dancing would take place.

d)AH confirmed that the Twirlers would attend.

e)It was felt that there should be a programme of participation events for children prepared. Action ;AH.

f)The situation with regard to the bar needed to be confirmed. (Chairman's comment – it had been advised that a local group was unable to take on this activity in 2006).

g)NC said that there would be an increase of 200 ducks entering the Duck Race. She felt that there needed to be more sales points for tickets.

h)AH confirmed that bunting would be erected by the same team as last year.

i)Action: EH to write to the Senior Citizens asking them to provide tea and cakes and to the Council asking them to prepare the Recreation field the week before Gala Week.

j)Action: SB to contact the police re coning etc.

6.Picnic in the Park

a)MD reported that sound and power had been arranged. He felt there was a need to increase security, particularly over the Sunday night. Action: MD to discover if the Community Association's general insurance cover needs to be expanded to take in P in the P. He confirmed that Boats, Chairs and Toilets had all been organised.

b)It was felt that a sign was necessary to mark clear age limits for unaccompanied children to ride on the boats.

c)ShB suggested using React for P in the P security.

d)Action:EH to confirm removal of rubbishfor Gala Day and P in the P with MS.

The next meeting will be on 13 April 2006.