

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting 9 June 2005

Apologies were received from Charlotte Oldwood.

Those present were: Stuart Bond, Shirley Brown, Nina Collier, Martin Dachs, Bridget Gaskill, Brenda Hennessey, Lynda Heseltine, Alan Hooker, Elwyn Hughes, Patrick Hull, Geoff Larcombe, Alan Suter, Christine White and Roy White.

1. Arena Timetable

As the Thai Boxing will no longer take place, arena events were re-ordered. As the parade enters the arena, the Majorettes will complete one circuit.

2.30 – 3.00 The Vikings
3.00 – 3.30 Cambridge City FC
3.30 – 3.50 Skate-Boarding
3.50 – 4.15 Tug of War
4.15 – 4.45 The Vikings

ShB thought that a prize of some beer for the winners of the Tug of War would be appropriate or soft drinks for any participants who were under-age. **Action: ShB**

ShB agreed to circulate posters about the event in all the town's pubs. **Action: ShB**

Action SB: to contact the Council to provide the Vikings with a key for the toilets on the Friday evening before Gala Day if required.

In passing it was mentioned that AH should pay the Vikings within 2 months of invoicing or the CA would incur a £50 per month penalty. **Action: AH**

2. Parade

EH volunteered ! to assist CO organising the parade at 12.00 at Judith's Field.

Action AH: To provide 3 radios and Hi- viz jackets for CO and helpers.

PH said that St Johns Ambulance would be asked to agree to accompany the parade. **Action: PH**

(Chairman's note: **Police support** SB received reply Friday 10 June from Huntingdon Sector Inspector Jim Lunn, who is arranging for his officers to provide escort for the parade then to assist on the Recreation ground)

3. Arena Setup

WL to be asked to assist AH setting up the arena. RW to be given a list of jobs so helpers could be assigned where they were needed.

Action RM: to deliver marquee for erection at 10.00

Volunteers were asked to arrive at 9.30 to help.

4. Bunting

It was agreed that the bunting should be put up on 19/06/05. **AH, PH, MD and Huw Gaskill to be at the Causeway at 10.00**

5. Balloon Race

RW & CW reported that the Balloons were organised. As they were £1 per balloon they would require a float of at least £50 in £1 coins. **Action: AH to supply float**

6. Stalls

Specific notes were made regarding the following 8 stalls. These were: the Bar, Balloons, Duck Race sales,

Tombola, Community School leaflets sales, HRC, Oxmoor Charity Group and the Macmillans Nurses.

7. Duck Race

NC reported that the opening of the sluices for the Duck Race had been organised. **BG and LH** volunteered to assist numbering the ducks. Brian Marsh had offered to match the first £250 raised from his employer's charity fund for the Duck Race.

8. Boules

NC said MM required a sets of boules. EH and AH to provide 3 sets; EH will provide on the 1 July and BH would collect a set from AH

9. Sign

It was agreed that a board be purchased to advertise Gala Day on the vicarage wall to ensure awareness in the community of the date. **Action AH: to contact John Childs at Brampton.**

10. Replacement of PA System

AH reported that the PA system may need a new amplifier. It was under investigation at the moment. RW offered to carry out any future repairs. (Chairman's note: Subsequently AH has been advised that the system is unserviceable and had obtained a quote for a replacement system).

11. Bridge Magazine

NC had just finished issuing copies to the distribution volunteers, and initial comments on the magazine had been positive. Peter Heseltine to note.

BG was volunteered to give out the prizes in the schools for the Bridge competitions. She would liaise with Clare Bond.

12. Picnic in the Park

PH & MD reported that Picnic in the Park was fully organised.

Helpers would be needed at 9.30 to set up the seating, throughout the day for stewarding duties and at the end to clear up. Action: As many as possible to assist please.

In essence, we need a large number of people present to help with the offloading of deck chairs at 0930 (Mary Stokes has the loading covered we understand). Then during the day's events we need people to steward and ideally if most members volunteer to do some of this it would mean a small time commitment for everyone. Finally, we do need as large a group as possible to assist in the clear up at 7:15pm onwards.

It was agreed that BH should purchase 10 litter pickers for the CA for use on Gala Day and Picnic in the Park. Both the Scouts and the Guides would have stalls for P in the P.

13. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **11 AUGUST – continuing as usual on the 2nd Thursday of each month**

This meeting will comprise a de-brief on events, establish whether there is sufficient support for a new team to organise Picnic in the Park and if so, to submit to the Town Council for funding in August.

It is highlighted that we do not have a main event lined up for 2006. This is required ASAP in order that we can secure. Please send ideas and contact details to the Chairman who will collate.