

## **MINUTES OF THE NOTHRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**ATTENDEES:** Michael Maddox, Tony Hewlett, Raj Shah, Dave Trotman, Roger Ponsford, Anne Odams, Sonja Angel, Roz Warren

**APOLOGIES:** Robert Murdoch, Simon Pearse, Mark Hetherington

### **MATTERS ARISING:-**

#### Community Bus:-

- RS and MM had met the local VOSA representative; it was confirmed that we would be successful in getting the Section 22 Licence required.
- Transport funds had not yet been released by R&BBC who were seeking advice about need for a vehicle with access for disabled users.
- With one prospective driver coming forward, a further recruitment drive will go ahead in October with a flyer, newspaper ad, and use of the local Jobcentres.
- TH to investigate training options for drivers.
- It is confirmed that a shuttle service can be stated before bus route authorisation is obtained.

Finance:- it was agreed to merge the NOTHRA and NEAR accounts at some point in the future.

#### Communications:-

- RP has not been “trained” by MH on use of website. RS however, is able to make changes.
- RS will look on website to see if there have been any responses to AO's email regarding interest in an art group.
- DT was going to purchase a banner advertising the website – approx. £130.

#### Social:-

- August Quiz Night had been a success.
- A Table Top Sale (in conjunction with Mothers and Toddlers group) for September is already fully booked. Potential issues with cars etc. will be managed.
- A Barn Dance is to be held on 26 November.
- The Social Committee will meet on 13<sup>th</sup> September, to discuss future calendar of events.
- Social committee needed to buy 10 more tables - £380 – and MM was asked to request a contribution from NML towards this cost.

#### Youth:-

- Sian Pearce has run holiday meetings for the teenagers of the village, and is now planning to run a youth group on Thursday evenings. She requires more helpers.

AGM:- Next AGM to be at 7:30pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall.

- MM to recirculate the draft of the agenda and report to committee.
- There are no resignations from the committee to report.
- The meeting would be used to discuss the Village Plan with residents.
- Provision of a bar and tea and coffee was discussed.

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIONS ON VILLAGE PLAN**

### Security:

- It was decided to set up NOTHRA as the “co-ordinator” for a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. A NHW email address would be set up for receiving information from the police, and then used to distribute information to residents. A leaflet drop would introduce residents to its existence. Aim is to set up scheme by AGM.
- RP reviewing EDF quotation for lighting pathway to Hooley. Plan is to ask NML to include this in 2012 budget. (Potentially could get council to supply electricity).

### Education, Recreation, Entertainment:-

- Coulsdon United FC have expressed interest in setting up youth football at Netherne next season.
- The Scouts are considering the long term idea of building their own scout hut on Netherne grounds.
- MM and SP are meeting with Surrey Sports Council Representative to get advice on grants.
- RP had applied for £80K grant to complete under-village hall stage storage refurbishment and improve main hall lighting. Total cost would be £100k+ .
- Residents will be asked for their ideas on how to develop the Bowls Club site at the AGM. It was agreed that we would not want to run it on a volunteer basis. We were asked to think of a club which was being run on a shareholder-type basis in the area.
- Provision of extra litter bins and picnic would potentially be included in NML 2012 budget. SA and RP to update prices and locations.
- DT to retrieve old notice board from John Banks, and to make is usable for outside shop.

### Green, Clean Environment:-

- SA and MM meeting the SWT Area Manager, Graham Manning, to discuss how to best manage the amenity land for conservation. His advice would also be sought on how we could manage the cemetery.
- AO had spoken to R&B recycling officer. The council were meeting at the end of September to discuss their recycling policy, such as potentially doing kerbside collections of plastic, so further discussion on this should wait until after this. It was also agreed that there didn't appear to be any other suitable site for the recycling bins.
- AO had looked into the idea of the village running it's own composting scheme. The conclusion was that it wasn't something to pursue for now.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- RP requested that MM /NML look into automatic door closing mechanism on the village hall door. RW also requested mirrors for the toilets in the VH.
- A litter picking session would be arranged for the morning of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**NEXT MEETING: - AGM – Thursday 27 October 2011**