

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BLUE CHAIR HALL, ROBERT MAYS SCHOOL, ODIHAM ON
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 8.35 PM**

Present: Cllrs Ball (Chair), McFarlane, MacPhee and Verdon

Also present: Cllr Ken Crookes – Hart DC
8 Members of the public

In attendance Mary Harris (Locum Parish Clerk)

50/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Killick.

51/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr McFarlane declared an interest in Agenda item 59/19.

52/19 PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the Public spoke to Committee about their work on the Odiham Calendar and Carols in the Bury. They circulated a sheet detailing all the recent OPC/Church collaborations. They explained that although the organiser of these events is moving on others have come forward to take on these projects and bring forward fresh ideas. The Parish Council were thanked for their funding of these initiatives. It was suggested that a meeting be convened to look at further collaboration and the level of support required. It was confirmed that Carols in the Bury would take place on Saturday 21st December 2019.

The speakers were thanked for their contributions. The Clerk would put the speakers in touch with the new Clerk when she was in post.

53/19 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

08 October 37/19 – 49/19

The above minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

54/19 MATTERS ARISING

- *42/19 Autumn Newsletter* – Some concerns were expressed about the new method of delivery as some households reported that they did not receive the Newsletter. Others welcomed the cost savings and reduced use of paper envelopes etc. Alternative delivery methods / companies would be looked at for the next Newsletter.
- *43/19 OPC Facebook Account* – access had been secured and this was now being populated regularly
- *46/19 Spooktacula* – unfortunately the event was cancelled as the Firework supplier deemed the weather conditions too dangerous for their display.
- *48/19 Guides and UK Parliament Week* – Cllr McFarlane had a successful meeting with the Guides and hoped to follow this up with tree planting in the New Year.

55/19 CHRISTMAS TREE / TREE OF LIGHT

The tree had been purchased and arrangements made for its erection and lighting. A service of dedication would take place on 28th November when the tree would be officially lit by the

Chair of the Council. The Tree of Light was being managed by the Loins. Dedication forms were available on the OPC website and Facebook.

56/19 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR VE DAY WORKING GROUP

The TOR were **AGREED** unanimously. Cllr Vernon updated the committee on the first meeting of interested parties; as yet there were no firm decisions but it had been suggested that an event be organised in the Bury and Church Grounds with a swing band, dancing and a picnic, with a thanksgiving service in the Church. At the present time someone is needed to take the lead on organising the event. InOdiham have said they can help but don't want to organise it. The RAF are unable to make a commitment at this time. The Chair volunteered to speak to the Odiham Society.

57/19 THREE CASTLES ULTRA MARATHON

Committee wanted to know more about the proposed event but **AGREED** that in principle they wished to support this activity. The Clerk was requested to ask Cllr Stewart to contact the organiser as he was most knowledgeable about the areas close to the Canal that they wished to use.

58/19 CHRISTMAS SUPPORT TO RAF FAMILIES

Cllr Killick had suggested that vouchers would be the most appropriate gift; there were 163 personnel who would qualify to receive a gift this Christmas. The Clerk was requested to establish what the budget was for this activity. It was **AGREED** that vouchers would be purchased and sent in a card. The exact value to be determined once the budget had been established.

59/19 ACCESSIBLE BOATING / ADVERTISING

Cllr McFarlane requested use of two of the Council's A Frames to display an advertising banner. She confirmed that there would be no conflict with the advertising for the Extravaganza. This was **AGREED**.

60/19 OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 09.05pm.

Signed..... **Date**.....