

Buxted Bonfire Society Meeting Monday 9th September 2019 @ 19:30hrs Buxted Football Club Pavilion

Present:

Mick, Jan, Clive, Hayley, Sue, Jim, James, Angie, Kev, Thelma, Ryan, Bridget, Reuben.

Apologies:

Sabrina, Tegan, Mark, Dave, Guy, Monica, Debbie, Jack, Louise.,

Minutes Read & Agreed:

Banner: The new banner survived its first out meeting at Uckfield and all present agreed it seemed to work ok – it is not significantly different in weight to the previous banner; however, it is slightly easier to manoeuvre and transport. Owing to the fact that the first banner received was very slightly damaged in transit Mick approached the suppliers and they provided a second set completely free of charge – we therefore have two full sets for the price of one!

Badges: Our new badges were distributed to those present at Uckfield on Saturday (sporting the new 'Purple' colour proposed by Sue!), badges will be taken to each out meeting for those members who haven't had theirs yet.

Container: A price has come in for a Dark Green 20' shipping container, a company in Essex has quoted £1450 including VAT and delivery. Whilst this is the most significant expenditure that the society will have made it is a one off 'capital' cost and would last for many years.

Some preparation of the site would be required (levelling off the soil and laying some concrete sleepers to keep it off the ground. Guy has offered to help and is seeking a price for the materials. Ange & Kev agreed to raise the question with the football club at their next meeting and providing they are content we will formally approach the parish council for approval.

Insurance: After a significant amount of 'research' Mick reported that we have now secured an insurer and now hold Public Liability, Products Liability and Employer's Liability (that covers members). Our period of insurance is 7th September 2019 to 6th September 2020 and this is with Beech Tree Entertainment through the Insurance Experts.

We have cover for up to fourteen torchlit processions (as a visiting society), up to 2x jumble sales, 2x quiz nights, 1x summer fete and 1x Christmas tree lights switch on.

Christmas Lights:

Mick has agreed to write a letter to the current landowner this week to seek approval for siting the tree there again this year. The date agreed is the 30th November.

We will be making an application for a partial road closure in Queenstock lane and a letter will be written to Rory, Thelma has agreed to get this passed on). It was proposed that we approach primary schools for carol singers as soon as possible and that we would possibly offer the PTA's a small contribution to encourage attendance (and possibly gather new members).

The Christmas lights evening will be discussed in greater detail at the next meeting.

First Aid: Mick will be holding a First Aid course for members – he can either provide a two hour session on evening or a four hour course on a weekend, dates and location will be shared on WhatsApp and FB and once numbers are confirmed further details will be provided – this will be free of charge to members, others are welcome for a fee of £5 per head.

Summer fete: The horticultural society have approached us to see if we are interested in holding a joint summer fete next year, they are keen to approach the parish council for a grant (possibly to hire a marquee).

All present agreed that in concept it sounded like a nice thing to do, but that further detail was needed – in particular what the horticultural society wanted from the event and any potential impact it may have on our revenue stream – all present agreed that the fundraising team would engage with the horticultural society to ask for more information.

Dates were discussed Saturday the 13th June 2020 (The Queen's birthday) was proposed by Jan and seconded by Clive, all present agreed this would be good.

Quiz night was originally proposed for the 15th November however Mick is not available, an alternative date of the 22nd is possible – to be discussed at the next meeting.

Clothing: No new orders at present.

Next out meeting: Crowborough – costume judging is at 6.15pm so it was agreed that we will meet at the green for 5:45pm.

Sue has suggested that the Minutes and agenda are posted out in advance of meetings to give those who cannot attend and opportunity to contribute to the meeting – this was agreed.

Jan and Clive will approach their contacts to see if we can have an organ for our lights switch on.

Sue has been offered a large gas BBQ and all present agreed that this would be very useful for the society (and could be stored in our container when we get one).

Ange & Kev said that the football club are prepared to allow us to have a pitch side advertising banner for no fee (we would just have to design and purchase the banner – Mick agreed to do some drafts and show them at the next meeting for approval).

Next Meeting: Monday 14th October, Buxted Football club @ 7.30pm