

**Wheathampstead Parish Council
Village Day Committee
19 October 2010, 19.30h**

Present	Councillors	A Waterfield	Chairman
		T Reason	
		A Brewster	7.40pm arrival
		S Bates	
		B Dawes	
		S Johnston	WDPS
		N Whitwood	WEB
		M Samples	Wheathampstead Club
		I Casper	Deputy Clerk
		Press	0
		Public	0

1406-10 Apologies & Substitutions

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Clements and Mrs. L. Coates (personal reasons)

1407 -10 Public Speaking

None

1408 -10 Specific Declarations of Interest

None.

1409-10 This item to be taken when the meeting becomes quorate.

1410-10 CHANGE OF DAY REQUEST

A request to change the date of Village Day had been received.

Members considered the request and agreed to recommend that it is too difficult to change the 'Day', which is set for the second Sunday in July, as it has been established for so long (17 years).

Recommendation: To keep the date of Village Day to the second Sunday in July.

1411-10 THEME FOR YEAR 2011

Cllr. Brewster arrived during this item 7.40pm.

The Village Day theme for 2011 was discussed.

Ideas put forward were:

'A Life on the Ocean Waves'

'In a Country Garden'

'Wheathampstead Heritage Trail'

Members discussed the merits of each idea and agreed to recommend that 'A Life on the Ocean Waves' should be the theme for 2011.

Recommendation: The theme for Village Day 2011 is 'A Life on the Ocean Waves'

1412-10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 July 2010 were approved.

Resolved To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2010 to be a true and fair account and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

1413-10 PLANS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday

Members agreed that the Saturday event had been extremely successful. The Talent Show had been well attended and the Barn Dance had had a wonderful community spirit with a wide spread of age groups in attendance.

The committee agreed that publicity for next years day should start earlier and be more widespread to attract more entries to the Talent Show.

Helpers on the day were in short supply this year and both Sue (WDPS) and Norman (WEB) said members of their respective organisations would be very happy to help on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Matthew Samples agreed to run the bar again on the Saturday.

Consideration was given to catering the evening event, perhaps using different Village organisations. Food should be portioned out in advance so everyone receives an equal share.

Members believed that if approached a number of local food outlets may wish cater the event and/or offer prizes or give donations.

Members also agreed to recommend that the Barn Dance & caller who attended this year be asked to pencil us in their Diary for next year whilst quotations from other Bands are sought and compared.

Recommendation:

- 1 To recommend that the Saturday Event a barn dance and talent show be repeated in 2011**
- 2 To publicise the event earlier and more widespread.**
- 3 Matthew Samples to run the bar on the Saturday.**
- 4 To consider using alternative local**

food outlets and food to be portioned out.

- 5 To provisionally book the Band and caller who attended this year.**

1414-10 Sunday

A new Field Manager is needed this year. Members agreed to recommend that Cllr. Waterfield will be the Field Manager assisted by Norman Whitwood. The committee thanked Andrew and Norman for taking on this task.

The field will be marked up early on the Saturday morning.

Andrew is in consultation with the Air Ambulance organisation and there is a chance it will attend this year.

Cllr. Clark had sent information to the committee about a portable ring of bells (called a mini-ring) who are able to attend Village Day 2011. Members were delighted with this offer and welcomed the attendance of this group. They wondered if a demonstration of the bells take place in the arena.

Members agreed that now that the date was set for 2011 – July 10th – all items on min 1218-10 (20) could be booked.

Beer Tent

Members discussed the issue of having a Beer Tent on the Sunday. After some debate it was agreed to recommend that a 'Bar Area' is set up within the Memorial Hall. The foyer/corridor at the north side of the building is the area the committee are considering. Matthew Samples will run the bar.

Arena

Members agreed to look into the possibility of having a 'Horse Show' in the arena.

To fit in with the theme of the day local Sea Cadets to be asked if they could attend and may be put on a demonstration in the arena.

The Chairman will look into the possibility of having a 'Fitness Workout' demonstration in the arena.

Rosettes

The rosettes proved very popular this year and members recommend that they are ordered early for next year.

- Recommendation:**
- 1. The Field Manager for Village Day 2011 be Cllr Waterfield assisted by Norman Whitwood (WEB)**
 - 2. The portable bells attend the Day and to be asked if they can hold a demonstration in the arena.**
 - 3. All items min 1218-10 (20) be booked. Action Clerk.**

4. **A 'Bar Area' be set up within the Memorial Hall.**
5. **The bar to be run by Matthew Samples.**
6. **To look into the possibility of having a Horse Show in the arena. Action L. Coates**
7. **Local Seas Cadets be invited to attend the day. Action Clerk.**
8. **The Chairman to look into the possibility of having a 'Fitness Workout' demonstration in the arena.**
9. **Rosettes are ordered for next year. Action Clerk.**

1415-10 PROGRAMME

Members agreed that Al Patel should be thanked for his hard work on the programme this year and asked to compile next year's. Programme advertising monies to be invoiced and collected by the office staff.

Members also agreed that 500 programmes should be printed, they should be ready a month in advance of the day.

Programmes advertising rates to be as 2010.

Programme sale price - £1 as 2010.

- Recommendation:**
1. **Al Patel to be thanked for compiling the programme this year and asked to do the same in 2011.**
 2. **Parish Office staff to invoice/collect programme advertising monies.**
 3. **500 programmes to be printed in early June.**
 4. **Programme advertising rates to be same as in 2010.**
 5. **Programme selling price to be £1.**

1416-10 PROGRESS AGAINST VILLAGE PLAN TARGETS

V2 - The Talent Show is open to children/youths of all ages.

V3 - The Litter Blitz volunteers clear and recycle the rubbish from Village Day.

1417-10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14 December 2010 (Budget Meeting)

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.08h.

Dated this day of 2010

Chairman