

## Village committee meeting minutes

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road IP23 7QU

Apologies: Jeanette Brierley, Manday Miller, Will Edwards, Will Kerry, Katie Abbott, Tony Freitas, Pat Kelly

Present: Graham Abbot, Drew Abbott, Sue & Alan Chapman, Emma Hewitt, Lesley Rose-Freitas, Adrian Smith, Mike Ager, Janet Norman-Philips

### 1. Dates for the year:-

- a. AGM Wednesday 20 May (depends on Jeanette's availability - best date for Horham CC)
- b. PCC (church) 2020 dates for
  - i. Sat 22 Feb Cheese & Wine 8pm-11.30pm Horham Community Centre
  - ii. Sun 19 April Car Boot & BBQ on Doorstep Green – from 10am
  - iii. Sun 21 June Fun Dog Show with stalls & BBQ on Doorstep Green
  - iv. Sun 30 August 12.30 onwards - Scarecrow Walk & BBQ & stalls on Doorstep Green- church service at 11.15am
  - v. Sun 13 September Produce Show & BBQ followed by outdoor Harvest Festival

### c. and Village Committee dates

- Sun 19 April – Pub on Green for PCC Car Boot/BBQ – (Bar 11am - 1pm)
- Sat 30 May – Pub on Green 6pm till midnight (Theme VE Day 8 May – 75years ago).
- Sat 20 June – Pub on Green – 6pm till midnight
- Sun 21 June – Pub on Green for PCC Fun Dog Show – (Bar 11am - 3pm)
- Sat 4 July – Summer Fayre & Village BBQ (USA theme) 5pm onwards + Pub on Green
- Sat 15 August – Pub on Green 6pm till midnight (Theme VJ day 75 years).
- Sun 30 August - PPC Scarecrow walk & BBQ – Pub on Green (Bar Noon till 4pm)
- Sat 12 September – Pub on Green – 6pm till midnight
- Sun 13 September – Pub on Green for PCC Produce Show & BBQ. (Bar 11am - 3pm)
- Sat 10 October – Pub on Green – 6pm till midnight
- Thurs 9 November 8.30am Redlingfield Memorial – Green Lane wreath laying

JNP to put together TEN (Temporary Event Notices applications) five each for Drew & Mike

Mid Suffolk planners have confirmed that whilst all Car Boot sales require planning permission – ours won't because it meets the *de minimis* (too small to matter) criteria.

Portable toilet will be *in situ* before Car boot sale in April – Action JNP

Agreed to maintain budget as previously. Net zero by end of year and maintain reserves at current level.

- d. Summer Fayre & BBQ – *Start at 5pm £6 ticket for three items – food from 5pm*
  - i. *Volunteers needed to serve food.*
  - ii. *PCC will have a stall and need electricity. Not part of £6 ticket*
  - iii. *Tombola, raffle, games, guess the weight/number of sweets in jar etc*
  - iv. *Whisky Draw – 1p to 100p a ticket – Sue and Alan to donate whisky and tickets – volunteers needed to sell tickets on the day.*
  - v. *Bar – Need to do two or three shifts to cover period from 5pm pm till midnight.*
- e. Doorstep Green & Church Yard Tidy up Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April – 6pm onwards. Also install new play cube and rubber matting (see item 4 (f) below).
- f. Village Litter pick – Please can people also wash any village signs they can (direction and speed limits etc) – Weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> march
- g. Drew will look at cleaning up/repairing benches beside village sign
- h. Dates of Village Committee Meetings for year -
  - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June pre Summer Fayre/BBQ – venue Hidcote Lodge

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - venue Hidcote Lodge

2. Coffee Mornings/Coffee Caravan
  - a. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Here Hidcote Lodge, Mill road, IP23 7QU – 10am till noon
  - b. Coffee Caravan: First Wednesday of the month April to October inclusive, centre of Redlingfield, 10am-noon.
3. Broadband progress – No known issues – Helen & Matt Cook at Kings Farm still awaiting installation of telephone line to enable them to have high speed broadband. Service is slow for people using the “old” broadband system (non high-speed).
4. Doorstep Green new land update (see also attached map of new Doorstep green area).
  - a. Drew and Janet will liaise regarding new roadway – Drew is happy to store undergrass mesh at Rookery Farm. Action JNP/Drew
  - b. The roadway & parking area will need to be prepared and flattened again – grass cut very short ready for installation – needs to be done in February in order to be ready for April use.
  - c. Lots of volunteers will be needed to install the mesh and sow grass seed - topsoil will be needed to cover it over and between the mesh.
  - d. Pipe between field and church path needs jetting to remove blockage. (Drew)
  - e. Gateway between old and new parts of Doorstep Green needs to be opened up and pedestrian gate installed. Very overgrown path is on original doorstep Green side – needs cutting back and the special section of fence replaced with a gate. (Drew to assess).
  - f. New tiny tots climbing frame/cube and rubber safety matting needs to be taken up to the doorstep green – Action Adrian to collect when we do the Tidy up (8<sup>th</sup> and/or 15<sup>th</sup> April)
5. Defibrillator - still haven't managed to get the phone box back for use. Defibrillator to be moved to the Doorstep Green bar/shed. Action JNP/Mike
6. Village Magazine out end February (Magazine time period covers March, April, May – and early June) – closing date 14<sup>th</sup> Feb for items, information, etc. Action all.
7. The Village Committee wishes to acknowledge all the wonderful work Russell Kerry has done for the village over the years, his passing is a great loss and our thoughts are with his family.
8. AOB
  - a. Flooding – JNP to ask Rob Scott to look at options for reducing flooding impact – if possible...
  - b. Find out if Dilgers are happy to have someone clean or dig out their ditch. Action JNP
  - c. Peter & Joyce Saunders have asked the Charity Commission to wind up the trust (started by Peters Aunt in 1952/1953) which owns the land around the village sign – originally the plan was to build a village hall on the site where previously a barn stood. They have asked for it to be transferred to the village. JNP meeting with Peter & Joyce's executor on 19<sup>th</sup> April to discuss. Decision is up to Charity commission.
  - d. Age UK have asked for funding from the Parish Meeting – unfortunately we are not in a position financially to do so. JNP to inform them.
9. Actions taken by chair prior to the meeting
  - a. Opportunity arose before Christmas for the Church to get a £10,000 grant to repair windows etc – the grant was only available if another organisation agreed to provide a further 10% (ie approx. £1,000) – case was urgent and grant had to be spend by end of February 2020 – so Mike Ager agreed to the Parish Meeting providing the match funds.
  - b. There have been three road traffic accidents recently on local roads (mainly the Eye road), police have been asked for statistics on traffic offences. They are not very forthcoming.