



## **RYE & DISTRICT BONFIRE SOCIETY**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 08 June 2016 at the Queen's Head, Landgate by kind permission.**

### **Those Present:**

Bob Booth, Francis Warren, Neale East, Chris Chivers, Rita Kirk, Paul Carey, Charlie Carey, Simon Bowler, Marion Buss, David Lawton, Ian Foster, Brian Gasson, Margaret O'Neil, Pipa Pooke, Dave Barnes, Wayne Wadey, Liz Oliver, Paul Wooley, M Stoodley, Andy Tollett & Joan Ridgers.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Brian Cutting, Sandra, John & Seana Lanigan, Francis Row, Pete the Fence, James Foster, Natalie Wadey, Jaquie Rowe, Lawrence Chivers, Jimper, Liz Beecham. Patsy Hughes, Liz Mitchell, Malcolm & Kevin Mayhew. Sandra Warren, John Kent.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were passed as a true record.

Proposed : Paul Carey                      Seconded : Bob Booth

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

### **4. Correspondence**

Invites received from :

Lewis Borough – No thanks

Rotherfield – No thanks

Fletching – Yes small group

Email from Dan rec'd re starting Samba Band in Rye was noted, Neale will add to Facebook and next newsletter.

A number of other Societies fundraising events were noted along with an invite to participate in inaugural 'The Bonfire Societies Fireworks Championships' event on 27 August at Firlie Place.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

Ian reported that the overall balance to date is £6,175.60 thanks in no small part to the magnificent Auction of Promises which raised £6,009. Copies of the accounts available to members on request.

## **6. Membership**

Neale reported that there were 62 paid up members on the books.

The following two new members were proposed and accepted :

Paul Wooley & Liz Oliver

Proposed : Simon Bowler            Seconded : Paul Carey

## **7. Safety Issues**

All paperwork has now been done and submitted to the authorities; some small adjustments have been made to last year as requested by Rother DC EHO. Awaiting results from SAG, but no issues expected.

## **8. Fund Raising**

A unanimous vote of thanks was carried for all the hard work Ruth and Joan put into making the Auction of Promises such a success. Frances remarked that he paid more for a day's gardening than he would charge...

Next big event is the Clay Shoot on 10 July at Lea Farm, Rye Foreign, set up on site at 14:00 on 09 July, 09:00 please for all helpers on the day. It was agreed to commission a 'John Izod Memorial Trophy' for the competition. Neale asked that 2-way radios be provided for those manning traps.

Marion volunteered to do the catering, Francis the Ladies 'facilities'.

Please note that the entrance to the event will have changed this year, participants will have a walk to get to the range.

Further events planned –

26 June - Tilling Green Residents Association Table Sale  
13 August - Garden Party at Rae Festing's.

A possible boot sale at the old Freda Gardham School ground being considered.

Paul agreed to visit the Pipes to see if they would be willing to host a Horse Racing fundraiser later in the year.

Further details to follow once confirmed...

**9. Any other business**

It was noted that arrangements for the supply of hessian have yet to be finalised; a possibility of purchasing some stock from South Street was discussed and other options would be explored. Wayne will look into and report back to the next meeting.

Ian reported that a petition had been raised to change the law to limit firework displays to restricted dates during the year. It was since reported by Liz that this had thankfully not been successful.

**10. Date & time of next meeting**

Wednesday 13 July at 8pm.