

Minutes – 5 /17

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Christmas Lights Working Group

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 2nd February 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council Office, Franklin Road, Whitnash.

Present: Councillors: S Button – Chairman
G Cancilla
Mrs J Falp
R Margrave
T Shepherd

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Adrian Bradbrook – Booths Electrical

42/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

43/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2017 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

45//17 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

38/16 General Planning for Christmas Lights – our own bins worked well on the day so will not ask for Warwick District Council bins in future. Stall holders on the far side of the Plough left a lot of litter behind after the event. Cllr Cancilla apologised for not being at the event as he had to go to abroad at the last minute. Father Christmas did a really good job. The 2016 switch on

event was a great success and Cllr Button thanked all those involved for their help.

46/17 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 18th January 2017 was presented to Members. We are still awaiting the EON invoice which usually arrives in March as well as an invoice from Booths Electrical for a new transformer for the lights on Plough Green.

Currently showing a loss of -£263 due to the additional cost of new lights and converting lamp columns, purchase of high visibility jackets and the hire of an additional marquee.

The final debit balance will be covered by reserves.

47/17 SPONSORSHIP FOR 2017

Cllr Button urged Members to think of sponsors for the 2017 Christmas Lights switch on event. Sponsorship needs to be secured sooner rather than later.

48/17 GENERAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2017

The Christmas Lights switch on event will take place on Sunday, 3rd December 2017. Clerk to notify Warwick District Council.

The illuminated tree at the shops in Home Farm Crescent was well received.

It was suggested that the tree on the corner of Whitnash Road and Halls Close is illuminated, but there were concerns that it may be vandalised.

A metal column needs to be installed at St Margaret's Church so that the Tree of Light is more secure especially when it is windy.

Adrian from Booths asked if the light column in Coppice Road can be converted instead of having a time switch in the hairdresser. Members agreed to this request.

Adrian Bradbrook was thanked for all the help and effort he puts into the Whitnash Christmas lights each year.

Cllr Button will collect the gazebo at the Plough that belongs to Dave Stocks to put into storage.

49/17 ROTARY TREE OF LIGHT

The Tree of Light illumination will probably take place on Saturday, 18th

November 2017, but will await confirmation from Leamington Rotary Club.

50/17 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

51/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in June 2017 once the Calendar of Meetings has been approved and adopted.

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