

Minutes – 5/18

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

Christmas Lights Working Group

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 1st February 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council Office, Franklin Road, Whitnash.

Present: Councillors: S Button – Chairman
G Cancilla
R Margrave
D Sage

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Adrian Bradbrook – Booths Electrical

43/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

44/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

45/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2017 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

46/18 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

Cllr Margrave was thanked for sourcing Inspired Villages as a main sponsor for 2017.

47/18 DATE FOR SWITCH ON EVENT IN 2018

The date for the Christmas Lights switch on event will be Sunday, 2nd December 2018.

48/18 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 24th January 2018 was forwarded to Members. Awaiting the bill from EON for electricity. The meeting at Warwick District Council with James DeVille in January 2018 went well

49/18 SPONSORSHIP

Need to secure sponsorship earlier this year. Cllr Button forwarded a list of potential sponsors and companies to approach for raffle prizes. He also asked if anyone knew contacts at the companies identified to let him know by next week please.

50/18 GENERAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018

An exterior socket to plug in the Acre Close shop lights would be helpful. A discussion took place around improving the lights near the Plough and Harrow pub as there is not much impact when the lights are switched on. Adrian Bradbrook suggested festoons for this year's switch on. It was suggested that the Plough switch off their lights and switch them back on at 6.00 p.m. to create a more festive switch on. Cllr Button will request this. It was proposed that an LED Christmas Tree is purchased for the red phone box. It was also proposed that a quotation is sourced from Event Men for the stage and 3 gazebos. Two 6 metre gazebos and one 3 metre gazebo for father Christmas with an entrance and exit to alleviate the queues. Cllr Button has barriers to ease the flow. More helpers are needed at the grotto as it is very busy. It was suggested that instead of a magician a street entertainer could provide entertainment for the children waiting to see Father Christmas.

51/18 ROTARY TREE OF LIGHT

Received a letter from Rotary thanking Town Council for their support. Letter will be published in the spring edition of the Whitnash Tymes.

52/18 CORRESPONDENCE

1. MK Illumination letter – noted.

32/18 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in June 2018.

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