



Minutes of the SHADDO Committee meeting held on 28th July

At 5 Brocks Way, Shiplake.

Present

Liz James (LJ) (Chair), Peter Crowther (PSC), Pip Collings (PC), Gareth Jones (GJ), Henry Loud (HL), Neill Wilkinson (NW) and Rosemary Appleby (RA)

Apologies

Elizabeth Tyler and Becky Ilderton

1 Minutes of the previous meeting

There was nothing arising that wasn't covered in the agenda.

2 Junior Drama Club

Becky had reported that Tina is unable to do Tuesday evenings so the bookings were changed to a Thursday starting on 17th September until 15th October. Pip will advise Becky accordingly. Pip will also remind Becky an outline budget is needed. It was suggested using the Village website for publicity. Pip to forward relevant material to Gareth. **PC/GJ**

3 BBQ

Pip had had 17 definite responses for the BBQ on 22nd August, but the donated food still needed to be resolved. It was to be £15.00, payable on the evening. Pip to put a note round the committee chasing for outstanding responses. **PC**

4 Pantomime

Three people had read the 2 versions of the Ben Crocker Cinderella scripts and all were agreed that they were too similar in style to the Dick Whittington one just used. It was decided to look at other Cinderella scripts. Rosemary had a copy of the script we used in 2005 which Pip took to read and Peter had another 2 in the SHADDO library, one by Jim Sperink and the other by Michael Buchanan Smart. Neill offered to read one of them. **NW**

Gareth / Rosemary to seek out the previous script and forward to Pip. **GJ/RA**

The launch date was discussed and left open but while changing the drama club bookings in the Church room diary prior to writing the minutes, Rosemary realised that she had booked the last of the Tuesday junior bookings on 13th October until 10.00 which she assumes is the launch date! Pip to confirm. **PC**

Publicity was discussed and it was felt that the village website was an effective tool. A news item for SHADDO could be put on the website at the end of August with details of the Junior Drama Club and the Pantomime. Elizabeth was on the website committee with access to the SHADDO page. If Pip gave Gareth the copy, he could pass it on. **PC/GJ**

5 Costume sort

On the day suggested for this, 21st September, the hall wouldn't be available until after 7.30 due to a previous booking. Gareth was trying to arrange to do it informally rather than make a definite booking which would cost us but it was impossible to know a definite date until nearer the time. However Sunday 27th September looked free from 10.00. Pip would let Cheryl know. Pip would send out a note to all a week or so in advance

PC

6 Mid Stage Backdrop

Gareth said there was a false ceiling over the stage and he was worried that the extra weight of another backdrop would require some roof strengthening. There had been a gauze curtain used right across the stage in a previous production but backdrops were heavy.

The possibility of using a projector instead of a backdrop was discussed. We couldn't do this for the rear backdrop position because of the shadows the actors would cast. It might be possible to project onto a mid stage cloth but it would be important that the whole stage should be visually attractive rather than small sections. Projection should be used on a small scale basis, complementary to other scenic materials.

7 Finance

The funds at the moment were £3547 but with outstanding expenses due to be taken out, it would reduce it to £2000. The Pantomime would need to make £1000 profit to build up the funds. It was suggested that ticket prices could be increased.

8 Harriet and Liz Thomas

The Memorial hall committee had supported the idea of a tree in Liz's memory but thought that the garden was too congested. One of the places suggested was the corner between the tower and the garden, but as this was a shady spot careful choice of plant was necessary. Gareth would put together the wording for a plaque and it was felt that September would be a good time to plant. Gareth to continue with arrangements

GJ

Pip was to check with Kirsty about designing a certificate for Harriet in thanks for all the work she did in different capacities for SHADDO.

PC

9 AOB

1. Mark had asked Charmaine about prop building and she had said that she was willing to arrange the workshops around a projected prop list. Pip to propose prop list in due course.
2. Gareth to check Dropbox access with Pip

PC

GJ/PC

The next committee meeting is Thursday 3rd September at Liz's home.

The meeting closed at 9.00 and Rosemary was thanked for hosting it