



## Minutes of the SHADDO Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup>. September 2015 at Gateways, Shiplake.

### Present

Liz James (LJ), Pip Collings (PC), Peter Crowther (PSC), Phil Johnson (PJ), Elizabeth Tyler (ET) Cheryl Milne (CM), Becky Ilderton (BI), Henry Loud (HL), Gareth Jones (GJ) and Rosemary Appleby (RA).

### Apologies

Neill Wilkinson and Simon Classey

### 1 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed and there was nothing arising.

### 2 Junior Drama Group

The starting date for this was Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 6.00 – 7.30 for 6 weeks. Publicity was to be sent to Gillotts and to the Primary school and put on the village notice board. It was to go ahead despite the uncertainty about numbers and 4 was suggested as a minimum number. A fee of £20 for the whole session, which would include the SHADDO membership, was agreed. Pip was to send enrolment forms to Becky. Further publicity could go on the SHADDO and Village websites and on Facebook. Liz was willing to help if Tina was unavailable.

**BI, PC, GJ**

### 3 BBQ Feedback

It was agreed that this had been an excellent evening and Phil remarked that the donations of food had worked well.

### 4 Panto

Jim Sperinck's version of Cinderella was to be used. Pip reported that it was expensive to buy hard copies together with the licence and she was to ask if £250 would be accepted for a soft copy with the licence and performance fees. **PC**

As Phil would be away the weekend designated for the set build, it was discussed bringing it forward a week to 16/17<sup>th</sup> and even making a start on Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Pip said she would like a new backdrop for the ballroom scene; Gareth was to order one. **GJ** Cheryl said she was sure Kirsty would be happy to help with the design. It was suggested that a curtain could be used mid stage rather than a backdrop.

Pip was to design a poster to publicise the panto which she would send to Gareth. **PC, GJ** Ticket sales were to be pushed especially with the groups of youngsters, brownies, cubs etc. It was even suggested going into the primary school to promote it.

The launch date was Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Church room with rehearsals also on Tuesdays. The play reading for September was on 14<sup>th</sup> and it would be the panto script.

A Christmas party is to be organised for 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Phil volunteered to organise one. **PJ**

## **5 Costume sort**

There had been a provisional booking made at the Memorial hall on 27<sup>th</sup> September, the day designated for the costume sort, which could cut down on the time available. Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October was suggested as an alternative. Gareth was to check the hall could be used with the proviso that if another booking was requested, we could pay for a couple of hours to secure it. Pip would send out a notice asking for help. **GJ, PC**

## **6 Mid Stage curtain**

As discussed at a previous meeting there are concerns about the loading on the false roof. It was agreed that a better approach would be to use a light curtain. Phil with arrange with Gareth or Mark to take a look at the roof space, and to look at the curtains we have available. **PJ**

## **7 Finance**

The bank balance remained the same at £3547 but the insurance of £348.68 was due. Alternative options were discussed but it was felt that as the insurance was specifically designed for Amdram groups it was unlikely we would get appropriate cover elsewhere for significantly less. Payment was agreed.

Membership fees are due from 1<sup>st</sup> September and were to be collected at the panto launch. Pip was to ask Hilary if she would be happy to collect the subs. **PC**

Membership payment should be publicised and there should be more general publicity. An item for next meeting's agenda will be **Convene a publicity sub committee.** **PC**

Gareth was to ask the Memorial hall committee (in the absence of the SHADDO rep, **RA**) for a reduction in the cost of the pantomime booking. **GJ**

## **8 Harriet and Liz Thomas**

Pip had designed a certificate for Harriet and would arrange for its production. **PC**

Gareth reported that with the help of SHADDO members the ground had been prepared for the planting of the tree in Liz's memory. A date would have to be decided on and also wording for a plaque. Gareth had compiled different versions which the committee looked at and he said if anyone had any more ideas, to e-mail them to him. He asked if SHADDO should pay for the plaque but it was left to see how the costs worked out. He thought a Friday pm would be a good time with tea and biscuits in the hall afterwards. **GJ**

## **9 AOB**

It was asked if any progress had been made on the proposed Prop making workshop. It was agreed that Pip would forward a list of props to Gareth, who would liaise with Mark. **GJ**

Gareth and Neill were to hire a lighting desk from Henley to try out before making the decision to buy one. He asked the committee to approve them spending up to £730 (the best price currently available on the internet). This was agreed. A suggestion was made to ask the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost. **GJ,NW**

The next meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

The meeting close at 9.30 and Liz was thanked for hosting it.