

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BLIDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30PM ON THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER 2013 AT BLIDWORTH METHODIST CHURCH HALL .

PRESENT

P Brooks – Chair

Mrs L Chadwick

Mrs C Dabbs

B Evans

M Gammon

Mrs S Harvey

G Merry

P Merry

G Stocks Clerk

Also in attendance Mr J Allen & Mr J Rea (arrived @ 8.20pm) .

Chair welcomed everyone , then asked if all mobile phones / Tape Recorders could be switched off .

Chair then reminded Members about Standards & Code of Conduct & to state if they have any conflicts of interest in any Council business on the Agenda .

1 . APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllrs A Fell & T Hurst (previously arranged commitment)

2 . Declarations of Interest Re any Items on the Agenda – None

3 . Chair welcomed everyone & explained that this Meeting has been called to discuss the extent & involvement of BCA in the BPC Switch on Event .

He then asked the Clerk to update Members regarding the BCA Meeting he attended last week on our behalf :- Clerk advised that he is the Council's Responsible Finance & Admin. Officer & was therefore responsible for all BPC Income / Expenditure . BPC are already committed to spending at least £400 for the Climbing Wall & Stiltsman / Balloonist , & earlier today has received an answerphone message from Cllr Y Woodhead that unfortunately she cannot process our request for a grant of £500 from her to help buy the children's presents .

It was agreed Cllr Mrs C Dabbs write to Cllr Woodhead .

John Rea , BCA Chair advised that following the successes from their events last year , & the decision from our August Meeting , where BPC agreed BCA could run a Christmas Market in the Function Room on 30th November . He stated that BCA wished to go ahead & arrange . Flyers / Posters need to be designed & distributed as several stalls have already been booked . He also suggested that following the event it may be desirable to divide the takings into an amiable split as BCA wished to host all commercial stalls in the Function Room & BCA to host Charity Stalls in the Concert Room .

Chair then invited comments from Members . The majority of these were :-

We have a chance here to combine resources & run a large village event .

BPC should be running Xmas Lights & entertainment – let BCA be responsible for commercial stalls & catering . Anything else cannot be split .

It can work if we all collaborate .

BCA will deal with Flyers & Posters .

One of the main issues is the need for volunteers to assist with set up of stalls etc .

The more stalls we get the bigger the event & more customers .

Finally Cllr G Merry Proposed & Cllr B Evans Seconded & it was Unanimously Agreed that :

BPC pay for Xmas Lights & Entertainment for Children in conjunction with BCA who will be responsible for set up of Market Stalls & Catering in Function Room .

Meeting closed @ 9.20 pm