

## **Abbots Leigh Civic Society (ALCS)**

### **Minutes of the Committee Meeting 1930 Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 33 Dennyview Road**

**Present:** John Blain (JB), Mike Crabtree, Treasurer (MC); Anoo Jain (AJ); Pip A'Ness (Pa'N); Paul Thompson, Chair (PT); and Paul Whitehouse, Secretary (PCW).

**Apologies:** Jane Gibbons

#### **1. Membership**

We agree to recommend Murray Stewart as the representative of the Parish Council, and Ian Larthe as Treasurer-Designate at the AGM and we hope that Rachel Doherty will also stand for election. We note that the remaining members hope to continue for at least another year. PT has drafted an invitation to the village to encourage more people to step forward, and PCW will circulate it.

**Action PT, PCW**

#### **2. Finance**

MC reported that our current bank balance was £8,605.89, and improvement on previous years. We agree to make a donation to Holy Trinity of £100 for the use of their facilities at Festival in the Field and Bonfire Night. PCW will ask Hester whether there is a project to we might usefully contribute up to a further £400. We ask PCW to write to all the organisations in the village of which we are aware in the

**Action MC, PCW**

#### **3. Bonfire Night**

We agree that the fireworks were excellent, and that everything about the evening was positive. We note that we have to bear in mind the possibility that we may lose access to the power supply and storage facilities which we currently enjoy in the near future.

We note that we need to be more careful about the likely prevailing wind in future, and that we must ensure we have a procedure for reviewing what steps we should take in the event of a late change in the weather. We agree that the Method Statement needs to include a specific section on assessing the current and forecast windspeed and direction, and that there should be set criteria on which a designated person decides to stop the show. We also need to decide what do to with any unspent fireworks. We ask AJ to talk to Drew Smith and David Wraith and anyone else and return with a proposal to a future meeting.

**Action AJ**

#### **4. New Year's Day Brunch**

We note that arrangements are in hand.

#### **5. Annual General Meeting**

PT reported that either Vanessa Berlovitz, producer of Planet Earth or her husband Mark Linfield, producer of Monkey World, hoped to speak at the AGM before the formal business. We note that there is sufficient stock of drink.