

THE LLCWSA MEETING

9.3.2011

Present: Sue Beer, Pat Haddrell, David Hogan, Lorraine Kindley, Ian Mitchell, Val Peacock, Jacqui Poole, Graham Stewart-Reed, Sue Tait

Apologies: John Bromhead, Bruce Bury, Wilf Smith, Andrew Tregoning

1. **New Members:** Pat Haddrell welcomed the new members (Lorraine, Val, Graham and Sue)
2. **Review of the Aims and Objectives** for the Website; David began by pointing out that the website was set up to be both **for** and **by** the residents of Littleham and Landcross; he stressed that residents had the responsibility of managing the website; he had resisted the temptation, therefore, to step in when this wasn't being done or not done adequately. He pointed out how to access the constitution on the website, for new members of the committee. Dave talked us through the Home Page and asked the members present to find new sponsors.
3. **Changing Roles on the Committee:** 1. Ian Mitchell is withdrawing from the role of Gallery Administrator; Graham Stewart-Reed agreed to take on this role unless Wilf Smith, who had been approached, accepted to do it. It was suggested that photos taken off the site which may be of interest to future generations should be archived. This was accepted in principle. It was agreed that there is a need for a policy statement in the introduction to the gallery making clear who takes responsibility for the photos on display, particularly when local people are featured. 2. John Bromhead is withdrawing from the role of Site Moderator. Graham Stewart-Reed agreed to take on this role. David summarised the responsibilities entailed in the role.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Sue produced a balance sheet itemising the income and expenditure for the last financial year. The Website has a balance of £1288.49. She suggested that the Village Hall Committee may be prepared to carry the cost of the Telephone and Broadband subscription for the following year. There was a discussion about the need for more sponsors and it was agreed that, at the moment, the balance sheet is very healthy and that, therefore, the need is not great. It was suggested that some money could be used to support local events, such as the Art and Music Festival. It was agreed to ask the Festival Committee what they would like the Website to support in the way of prizes.
5. **Grant Application in the Future:** Consideration was given to a future application for grants such as Bridge Trust. Sue pointed out the need to give evidence as to the use of such grants and we will need to identify any future developments in the light of this. Clearly there was recognition that in the present financial climate, grants will be greatly reduced and more competitive to gain success.
6. **'User registry':** This is a means for users of the site to register. They will then receive an email alerting them to any updates on the website. It was felt that it would be worth giving it a try.

7. **Broadband Connection:** It was agreed that it must be kept. The current cost could possibly be reduced with an alternative provider. This will need exploring before the next renewal. The benefits for the Community in having a hall equipped for IT use, is invaluable. It also offers the Village Hall an additional facility for attracting a wider range of lettings. Ian pointed out that the local Genealogy group, The Devon Family History Society, he is part of are looking for a possible change of venue. He will suggest they consider the hall for their meetings.
8. It was suggested that the Village Hall, through the committee take up sponsorship and advertise on site. This could enable them to reach societies and groups looking for venues which we are fortunate to have. The hall is used mostly in the evenings, and it could offer a daytime facility at competitive prices.
9. **Camera Locations for 2011:** We have one camera up and broadcasting. This is set up in the Blue tit box. Sightings have occurred but as yet no nesting happening although there is activity. Still pictures can be seen on the website, as well as live pictures. There was consideration given to the sighting of a second camera to be set up in a Swallows nest site. Sue Tait offered their porch, where swallows nest every year. Dave agreed to explore the efficacy of this, and also spoke of another site which he had already looked at in the village.
10. **AOB:** It was agreed to offer another training session in the Village Hall especially for new contributors to the website, and for those wishing to be reminded of, or enhance existing skills. Pat agreed to arrange a date for this.
11. **Thanks:** A special vote of thanks on behalf of everyone for the work that John and Ian have done for the Website, in their capacity as Moderator and Gallery Admin. We wished them well in their 'retirement'. Also a huge thanks to Dave, without whom we would not function in the professional way we do. The site is much admired and it was acknowledged that we are fortunate in having his skills and generosity in giving so much time.