

Hessett Millennium Committee
Meeting on Tuesday 6th July at 8 pm in Village Hall
Minutes

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sarah Ashford (no others received).
2. **Present:** Kelly Ashford, Chris Glass, Sheila Cocksedge, Michael Poulter, Richard Brown, Tony Edwards, Martin Gibson, Nicky Glass, Graeme Harris, Alison Jones, Sue Last, Les Ward.
3. **Minutes of last meeting (27th April 2010):** These were read and agreed.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Correspondence:** An email from Gill Thomas was read out tendering her resignation from the committee for work reasons. This was noted.

6. **Treasurers Report:**

The following is the proceeds from the Flower festival/Fete/Jazz Night event on 26th / 27th June.

Sale of jazz concert tickets:	£753.50
Hamper draw	£490.00
Flower festival programmes	£ 91.00
Book stall:	£ 47.50
Ice creams:	£ 25.00
Teas in the church:	£ 67.80
White Elephant:	£153.00
Cake stall:	£122.20
Splat the rat:	£ 23.00
BBQ:	£125.20
Treasure hunt/ducks/bear etc:	£ 26.90
Plants:	£ 80.00
Donations (in the church):	£ 73.37
Total:	£2078.47
Less costs	
Burgers etc:	-£207.49
Band fees	-£380
Profit:	£1490.98
Proceeds each to HMC/FOHC	£745.49

With this income the accounts stand at £2681.60.

This is £500 up on our start point in 2009.

7. **Suffolk Acre Insurance (1st July 2010 – 30th June 2011):**

The new form and letter was shown to the committee. It was agreed to pay the standard fee of £139 and request an extension for the Firework evening.

It was also agreed that the wording for future events should include Beer festival-numbers unknown, **Fireworks** (*see above*), fund raising events in village hall to a max of 42 people, Village treasure hunt. **Michael Poulter** to implement.

8. **Joint Fund Raising event with F. of H. C. on 26/27 June consisting of Fete, Jazz Night & Flower Festival.**

It was agreed that this surpassed all expectations especially as so few villagers attended.

A thanks was given to Les Ward for organising the Jazz evening and to Mark Armstrong the organist who played in the church on both days. **Kelly Ashford** proposed that the committee should buy Mark Armstrong a small present. This was agreed.

It was noted that the sponsored signs are still in place. Alison Jones said that she had phoned & emailed the company & had been assured that they would be removed. **Alison Jones** said she would chase them up again.

A joint letter between the two committees has been written to go into the next parish magazine.

Alison Jones to pass a copy to Michael Poulter for the records.

9. **2010 Bonfire Night Friday 5th November:**

Graeme Harris agreed that he would be available to organise the firework display on Friday 5th November.

A discussion took place on the location of this event. It was agreed that the fireworks could be placed in the meadow next to the fields behind Lime Tree Close. This was not an ideal position due to the angle of sight for the spectators in the main field.

It was thought that if the crop in the ploughed field is lifted before the 5th and the ground is level and dry the original position could be used. This could not be ascertained until a few days before the event.

As the firework order had to be in place by end July/August it was agreed that aerial display would be the best approach rather than a mixture of ground & aerial fireworks.

It was agreed that **Kelly Ashford** would talk to Brian Mitcham as soon as possible to obtain permission to use the meadow & the field behind Lime Tree Close also to the residents in the properties next to the meadow.

It was agreed to increase the firework amount to £1750. Graeme said that he could keep his costs within this amount as he expected to use less help.

The committee agreed to offer manual help as well as the possible use of a tractor and trailer if required.

After discussion it was agreed that the gate price should be: Adults £5 each, Children 5-18 £1 each, under 5's free.

The timing of the event will be: Gate opens 6 pm, Bonfire lit 7pm, Fireworks 8pm.

Legal garden waste to be allowed on site between 2nd October & 31st October.

Bonfire to be built between Monday 1st & Thursday 4th November.

Brian Last to be asked by **Sue Last** if he would ascertain if the use of machinery to build the bonfire will be available & when.

Advertising to be in the Sept/Oct/Nov parish magazine. **Michael Poulter** to draft an advert possibly using Graeme's company as part of the advert.

It was Agreed that **Michael Poulter** can purchase 2 new gazebos for use at the entrance and over the mulled wine area.

Kelly Ashford said he would look into the costs of hiring a generator.

Chris Glass suggested the hiring of a loud hailer. This was thought to be a good idea. **Chris to look into possible costs.**

Chris Glass raised the possibility of professionally made advertising signs being made which would allow the date & time to be altered. He suggested that these could be sponsored by companies in Hessett. **It was agreed that Chris** would approach businesses to gauge their reaction & if positive, obtain quotes for the cost of these signs.

Those responsible would be the same as last year:

Fireworks – Graeme Harris.

Fire Build/Watch – Brian Last.

Entrance – Michael Poulter, Nicky Glass.

Car Park – Richard Brown, Kelly Ashford, Chris Glass.

Cooking – Sheila Cocksedge, Sue Last, Debbie Stringer, Sarah Ashford, Alison Jones.

Mulled Wine – Janice Gibson.

First Aid – St John's?

Necklace Sale – On Gate?

10. **A.O.B.**

St John's had been writing to Graeme Harris's old address requesting a fee for last year's event. As the committee had not engaged this organisation it was agreed to offer a donation of £25. **Michael Poulter** to contact them.

11. Date of next meeting:

Monday 11th October 8pm in Village Hall