# Events Meeting Overview – Thursday 6th September 2018, 7.00pm at Great Wood Hall

Minutes

Cllr. Alan Hulme opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 7.07pm

Alan Hulme, Stephanie Akerman, Helen Smythman, Ben Adamson, Barry Davis, John ?, Keith Flunder, Colin Pearce, Denise Wheat, Neil Murphey

Apologies: Sian Morgan Owen

Alan said he had received a message from Sian about how Richard is getting on and updated everyone at the meeting.

Santa’s Grotto: Helen said because Gerald had been off sick over the summer term, she hadn’t asked him to be Santa yet. (Gerald has now agreed to do this). Ben offered to lend the Santa suit from Great Wood School. Keith suggested having the grotto at the Venue. A discussion was had about this, but it was decided to have the grotto at Great Wood Hall and not at The Venue. Ben also said he has some fabric to decorate the grotto if we needed it. Alan said that Sian had received confirmation that The Round Table would lead the procession with Santa again.

It was noted how the event has snowballed over the last two years from when it was first started and that the original idea was to get the children from the different schools to do something together for the community. It was noted that Cheadle Carnival managed to get their roads closed. The later start will be better for working families. The police have attended the Parish Council meeting and have said they will help if they are not attending an incident at the time.

Lazerhire: Keith said he will ask Charlie to come to the next meeting and by then they will have a plan for all the sound and technical equipment set up. Keith was asked what would happen if it rains. He said he has a weather plan and can possible project from the shop premises if allowed.

Trestle Tables: John had problems last year retrieving the tables. He is sure Jacksons would supply if we ask them. He said The Venue actually have tables so we may not need to hire them if The Venue would let us use theirs. Alan said that The Venue have been very obliging and hopes they will help us with the tables. Denise said there are the trestle tables at GWH if we need to use them. Local groups interested in a stall are: Methodist Church (Barry), Guides (Denise), Youth Club (Helen), RC Church (John) Football Club/ Cricket Club (Keith).

Festive Period Events List:

Craft Fayre 24th November - Tean Parish Church (Sue Perrin)

Christmas Fair – Great Wood School?

The other schools?

Breakfast with Santa? Tean Parish Church (Jan and Alan Sidaway)

16th December – Festival of Carols –?

31st December – New Year’s Eve Celebration @ GWH – 7.30pm

5th January - Panto – Sinbad the Sailor @ GWH – 7pm

Advert: Everyone looked at the advert and it was decided to ask Sian to change the wording to Festival of Lights in Tean and to brighten up the colour, possibly with some snowflakes. Thanks, was expressed to Sian for designing the advert and to Cllr. Wilkinson for sponsoring the advert.

Any Other Business: Great Wood Hall Committee will provide drinks and biscuits at the starting point.

Alan said he would like Mulled Wine and hot chocolate again at The Venue, but we need to get cold milk for hot chocolate to cool it down as it was too hot last year.

Programme timing – Keith would like this to be agreed at the next meeting.

Barry confirmed that the nativity scene will be installed in the morning on the day of the event.

Helen asked who will be switching on the lights? Ben suggested some of the school children as this would be exciting for them. Colin and Steph were also nominated.

Barry told of a summer event held in Bishops Offley – a summer family picnic and open-air service. Churches together would like to do this in 2019. John does not expect everyone to join in, but maybe if the event starts off modestly it would develop slowly into something larger. Keith and Steph said they had ideas for a summer fayre, so everyone thought this was a great idea. Colin said the events meeting team is working well together and said if we can help get this started that would be good for the community.

Next Meeting: Thursday 18th October 7pm

Alan thanked everyone for coming.

Meeting ended 7.45pm