

## Wheathampstead Parish Council

A Village Day meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008.

Present were Cllrs. Waterfield (Chairman) and Burgess with Mrs. Coates.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Clements and Brewster.

The Clerk took notes.

The meeting commenced at 8pm.

- 1) Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr. Waterfield proposed Cllr. Burgess. Agreed.  
NOTE This committee **MUST** have three councillors at the meeting. No agreement to the spending of money can happen if less than 3 members are present.
- 2) Theme – ‘The Armed Services’ was suggested but this is to be run by the schools before a final decision is made.
- 3) Assembly Area – St. Albans Girls High School has agreed to allow the parade to assemble in its grounds. They have insisted that the gates must be manned during the time they are open (12.15 – 1.15pm). Cllr. Waterfield thought a councillor should do this. The area to be litter blitzed after parade leaves.

If the pipe Band attends again, they could park at the Social Club and walk across to the school. NOTE Permission to be asked of the Club.

The parade would go the opposite way around the roundabout. Police to be informed of the change of route at this site.

- 4) Attractions – Cllr. Brewster had sent an e-mail informing that the heartbeat FM playbus and slide would come again and would also bring Go-Karts.  
NOTE Cllr. Burgess will need to know the footprint for the Go karts in metres. The roundabout will also return for 2009 and the owner has “other attractions”.  
NOTE Cllr. Brewster to contact the owner.  
It was agreed that the following popular attractions should be reserved and charge rates obtained.  
Darby Hopper  
Hog Roast  
Ferrets  
Squirty Wirty  
Impenyan (snakes and small animals)  
Pipe Band  
Hip Hop Dancing  
Suggestions “Most like your Dog” competition and strange shaped vegetables, classes for children and adults.
- 5) Arena Events – Suggestions. St. Albans Morris Men, Dog Agility Team, Majorettes and Display by the Pony Club.  
NOTE there would be no charge by the Pony Club and only a small fee if any by the Dog Agility Team.  
At the Codicote Village Day the local schools did Maypole Dancing. Mrs. Coates to forward contact information to the Clerk.  
Tug of War was appreciated this year so it was agreed to hold it again. This should be advertised in the pubs giving a maximum team weight.

- 6) Programme – It was agreed to have raffle tickets stapled on to the programme again and sold at £1 as this year. Programmes to be sold along the route, at queues for food/attractions and at the gate. 600 programmes to be printed. Prize £15.  
Cllr. Hobden to be asked to do the programme again. An A4 sheet to be produced to be inserted in the programme giving up to the minute times and attractions.
- 7) Action List – A list to be made showing what needs to be done and this will include comments from the last meeting. This list will be added to regularly.
- 8) Publicity – The old dates have been removed from the boards and banners. Mr. Scutt to be requested to renew the dates for 2009 nearer the event.  
Village Day to be publicised in The Pump, Hearbeat FM, the noticeboards and the pubs.  
  
The schools and organisations to be advised of the date.  
Harpenden Highland Games to also be advised of the date as we do not wish the two events to clash if possible.
- 9) Beer Tent – The Chairman suggested that the beer could be sold from a caravan, or use the Dramatic Society Hut with an awning. Al Patel to apply for a licence.
- 10) Date of Next Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> December which is the budget meeting.