

SHAWBURY VILLAGE PLAYERS  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017

1. PRESENT: Angela Bray (Chair), Chris Fraser (Treasurer), Jo Humphreys (Secretary), Mark Fone, David Page.
2. APOLOGIES: Karen Compton, Peta Smith, Ann Page, Chris Page, Carole Rogers.
3. MINUTES OF 17/01/17; were agreed as correct.
4. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS: CF had contacted Shirley Davies who had attended The Hollow auditions. RB had met with a number of others to start the tidy up on the Barns. DP is running the website. JH to send minutes of AGM to him to be posted on the website.
5. CORRESPONDENCE: Chair had received email from C Edwards from Ruyton X1 Towns requesting a murder mystery for the autumn. NODA has issued an invite to the award ceremony but we have not been nominated so unlikely that anyone will attend. Extraordinary meeting of NODA to be held for it to be dissolved and re-established as a charity.
6. TREASURER'S REPORT: £591 income has been received since the last report. Outlay includes script costs, and hall hire (for Wind in the Willows + others). Balance of current account stands at £3369.93; deposit account £5797.35. A query was raised regarding rent for the extra 2 months occupation of the barns. Chair suggested that guidance is drawn up outlining spending limitations without authorisation, so that all members have a clear brief.
7. LIBRARY: Work on the conversion of this space due to start in the next couple of weeks. A verbal agreement has been given regarding rental of £2000 per annum being the hire charge for our storage space, to include heating and lighting in the first year. RB has already erected shelves in the office area to house all electrical equipment as this can be locked and made secure. Electrics at the barn still include an amount of outdoor stuff and it was suggested that Gerald Bridges be asked to check if it is good enough to be sold. Richard and Andy will move electrical items on 01/04; shelving left by library can be used for costume boxes. Once we have access help will be required to move everything. Richard and Angela

will contact all members nearer the time. A discussion took place regarding the operation of the sound equipment and the need for the expertise to be more widely spread and for Andy to be asked to write instructions down as guidance. Huge thanks were offered to Richard for all his hard work in taking this project forward.

8. PRODUCTION COMMITTEE FOR THE HOLLOW. This has been cast and will be directed by Richard; Karen as assistant director and Jo as producer; Peta prompt and Mark as stage manager. It was noted that this last area would be much easier than usual as there is very little in the way of scene changes. Andy is on holiday for the actual performance but will help set up the previous weekend. Callum will be involved in operating the lights and Chris Page will deal with the sound. Ann and Carole will be responsible for costumes. A production meeting will be held at Richard's house on 28/03 and Jo will contact all relevant members.
9. FUTURE PRODUCTIONS: The Hollow 28<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July at Acton Reynald; Pantomime in January 2018 to be directed by David Page and we need to try and get a murder mystery organised as it is always a good money raiser and we have had requests from various other villages. There was a discussion about more regular meetings on a social basis and Mark offered to arrange a theatre trip.
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 16/05/17 7.45 at Chris Frasers.

**SINCE THE MEETING THE TIME AND VENUE HAVE CHANGED AND WE WILL NOW MEET AT RICHARD AND ANGELA'S HOUSE AT 20.00HRS.**

The meeting closed at 20.50hrs.

