

The Norman PTFA

Registered Charity No 1193533

CARNIVAL 2017

7th December 2016

Present: Gary Cater, Tammy Wright, Jenny Mason, Beverley Milner, Catherine Cater, Adrian Greenacre, Roger Preston, Mandy Black, Gemma Todd, Carlton McMahon, Mrs Corlett

Apologies: Johnny Williams, Missy Newcombe

Chairman's Opening

Thank you all for voting me in and thanks for all those in the past who without their time and dedication there would not be a Carnival – hopefully we can take it forward.

Carnival 2017

Roger handed over a USB with all the information required for the Carnival – programme, plans, forms etc.

Tammy asked Roger ‘in the scheme of things what is our priority’?

Roger’s reply was ‘A Theme’ – this can’t be too complicated and it must be open to interpretation. The date is always the same – the second Saturday in June. (10th June 2017)

Tammy confirmed that St John’s Ambulance is already booked.

Roger suggested using Roy again for the PA system – give him the programme and he will work through it – hopefully the sponsorship money will pay for it.

Bev suggested ‘New Beginnings’ for a theme – this can be home / baby / school / car etc

Tammy wondered if there was anything major happening in 2017 (other than Donald Trump) – nobody could think of anything so it was agreed that ‘New Beginnings’ would be the theme.

This will be go in the Village Life magazine in the New Year confirming the date and an explanation of the theme.

Gary had been thinking of things that we could do as a village to increase the attendance and thought a World Record attempt would be a good idea – everyone agreed – he had thought about Neck Ties all tied together along the route of the parade but when checking found that

the current record was 10,700! So looked again and found that the most people wearing a bobble hat in the same place was only 764:

The largest gathering of people wearing Bobble hats is 764 and was achieved by St Anne's Primary School, Finaghy, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, on 18 November 2010 in celebration of Guinness World Records Day 2010.

We will need to contact the Guinness Book of World Records to see if they can attend.

This would also encourage people to make their way onto and hopefully stay on the school field.

It was then discussed how we could involve the village as a whole, not just the parents / carers of children attending the school. Do we need to do a leaflet drop? Can year 6 design this as part of their curriculum? How do we remember this in the future? Wristbands / badges etc.

Gary also thought that the gunge tank had had its day but did know of someone that had 'Stocks', could we go down this route – custard pies / cream / water bombs etc.

We then discussed keeping people on the field until the very end – 50/50 draw – every household can enter for £5 and at the end of the day the lottery is drawn and the winnings will be 50% of the funds raised, but you cannot claim the prize unless someone from the household is on the field. How can we prove that they live in the house? Each household completes the details on an envelope, which can be handed into the school prior to the carnival and on the day we ask for ID.

We need to start advertising in the Village Life from February – Carnival Theme, World Record attempt, 50/50 Draw. We need to put it in every issue and attach the 50/50 Draw envelope to May's edition to ensure it goes out in plenty of time and specifying a deadline for it to be returned.

Mrs Corlett suggested a theme for the badges / wristbands – 'Bobbling Along to Northwold Carnival' – a bobble hat with legs.

Adrian was asked if he was still happy to continue with getting the Sponsorship. He was. Are we still doing Burger & Beer Voucher for Sponsors?

Gary asked whether we still want to do the BBQ? As the people who have run it in the past are unable to do it. Or do we want to put it out to tender?

Roger was asked how much of a donation the Fish & Chip van provided – he thinks it was about £50 / £60.

Bev thinks we still need to provide a BBQ and tea and cake stand, but do the PTFA have to man the stands.

Mandy suggested that the Military could do this as they have to do voluntary work.

It was confirmed that the buns were provided by Warburtons.

Do we ask the WI if they want to do the tea and cake stand and the Sports and Social Club if they want to do the bar? This could be a good advertisement for the evening's entertainment.

Roger said that whoever does it needs to apply for the licence early. The S&SC would have to apply for their own licence.

Gary said we need a breakdown from Dawn of the revenue provided by each sector of the Carnival so we decide what we need to drop, if anything.

Catherine suggested that we go down the route of more traditional stands – coconut shy, plate smashing etc. And without the BBQ / Tea and Cake stand we could free up more of the PTFA for other things.

Unfortunately the Ice Cream machine has died but Gary has got a contact for the Ice Cream Company at Tuddenham – Gary has asked if they would like to do this and yes they would and they give a donation.

It was decided that we would not do a Pimms stall.

Jenny suggested doing something last thing for the kids – whether it's a colour dash / water fight etc.

Tammy also made a suggestion for the parade – rather than the usual buckets, she attended a parade where everyone threw their change into a wooden trailer – this would then be split between the 3 groups – Tots & Co, Pre-School and the PTFA.

Gary has 2 trucks that could be used for this. Roger mentioned the Risk Assessment for it. Gary confirmed that his insurance is sorted and can add two more to it i.e. WI etc.

Roger suggested we decide what we want on the field, 7 or 8 15 minute acts.

Gemma's daughter attends a dance troop that might be interested, but would need to know ASAP so they can sort out and rehearse a routine.

It was asked whether there was anyone Roger would not ask again as they have had their day? Not really as they have tried to vary it over the years.

The displays cannot be too big as we cannot get them on the field.

We need a good judge for the floats.

The EDP man is now freelance and Gary has got his contact details.

Adrian suggested a board for advertising as apposed to a programme. Also, advertising boards around the arena.

Any Other Business

Rather than Father Christmas gifts each child will receive a book – Tammy asked whether the PTFA were alright with purchasing these – this was agreed.

Also the Carol Concert at Weeting Castle – 2 buses will be required to transport the children – again it was agreed that the PTFA would fund this.

Another Horse Racing night was discussed as this was a good revenue raiser. Child friendly as the kids could have a movie night elsewhere in the school.

A PTFA Funds Thermometer was also discussed so everyone can see the funds raised towards replacing the play equipment.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 6.30pm.**