



**Minutes of LVDCF meeting
held at Bradfield Parish Council Chambers
on Wednesday 18th January 2006 at 7.30pm.**

Present

Mark Whitehouse (Acting Chair), Jason Longden (Acting Treasurer), Daniel Blythe (Acting Secretary), Cllr Mike Bancroft, Nicholas Bye, Sandy Marshall, Sheila Marshall, Lisa Pearson, Andy Pearson, Terry Boorman, Elaine Trippet, Warren Trippet, Margaret Revill, Christine Bradshaw, Bill Parker

Apologies

Clive Shaw, Pamela Stubbie, Margaret Phelan, Sandra Stephens, Margaret Boddy, Josie Paszek, Alan Stacey, Hannah Isherwood, Malcolm Nunn, Debbie Farley, Jackie Wilson

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION if any
1	<p>Introductions</p> <p>After a welcome from Mike Bancroft, Mark thanked everyone for attending. He gave a brief verbal summary of the Village Appraisal's main findings and introduced the meeting's main item, namely the plans for a Loxley Gala.</p>	
2	<p>Loxley Gala: date, venue & feasibility</p> <p>a) Various possible Gala dates were discussed in the context of potential clashes with other events in the area and in Sheffield as a whole. Bill pointed out he could offer free use of a marquee 'out-of-season' (before May or after August) and suggested 28th April 2007.</p> <p>b) After some discussion, the meeting voted to have a smaller event in the Autumn of 2006 and to work towards a Gala on 28th April 2007. It was agreed that there would be no entry fee, and that the local character of the event would be stressed. Dan mentioned preliminary conversations with potential funders and indicated that a 'community' event aimed at involving local people to have ownership of the village and be</p>	

	<p>actively involved in it would be far more likely to attract funding than a simple 'fete'-style event.</p> <p>c) Terry mentioned his involvement with previous Galas in which the school field had been the venue and the school very involved. Mark wondered if we might move away from village events being attached to the school to avoid the extra strain on school resources and also to protect other venues by actually using them.</p>	<p>Acting Committee (MW, DB, JL) to continue to investigate funding options.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>2006 Event</p> <p>a) Discussion moved on to concentrate for now on the 2006 event, to be held (provisionally) on Saturday 16th September. Helen mentioned the Loxley Chase which had been held in the past and could be resurrected. Terry was able to outline the course (Gala field-Long Lane-Myers Lane-Rhinegold Nurseries-Gala field). 12 noon to 4pm was agreed as a suitable time for the event.</p> <p>b) The idea of basing a family sports/activities day around the Chase was mooted. Ideas suggested included: archery, pottery-smashing, juggling, mediaeval 'bull-ring' game, kite-making. Warren suggested the need for a good range of wet-weather options. Nick suggested 'old-fashioned' sports which children no longer have a chance to enjoy. Bill reminded the meeting that all events would need to be approved by Sheffield City Council licensing.</p> <p>c) Lisa wondered if the Chase would be open to non-competitive runners (it would). Sheila asked about children's races; Helen suggested children's fun-runs round the Pavilion Field, which Lisa suggested could be staggered to allow for different age-groups.</p> <p>d) Lisa also asked about first-aid/public liability insurance and Mark agreed this needed to be checked.</p> <p>e) Mark has a contact at the Hallamshire Harriers and this group would be available to marshal the event.</p> <p>f) An additional evening event (barn dance with bar) was discussed; the meeting voted not to hold this with the 2006 event but to consider it for 2007. Bill suggested we need to talk to the organisers of Dungworth and Oughtibridge Galas for advice.</p>	<p>MW to confirm.</p> <p>Committee to follow up.</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>Future direction</p> <p>a) It was agreed that a separate Gala Planning Committee would need to be set up to plan the 2007 Gala.</p> <p>b) It was agreed that regular meetings of the LVDCF, to discuss all relevant matters including the 2006 Chase/event, would be held monthly from now on, on the third Wednesday of every month in the same venue.</p> <p>c) Terry asked about other issues the Forum could become involved in. Mark mentioned some issues which had been prominent in the Appraisal: e.g. 'Welcome' signs for village (a positive response had been received to a funding enquiry about this) and development of playground facilities (the top area suggested by respondents was the Recreation Ground).</p> <p>d) Jason said we needed to have the Appraisal results published soon to ensure people's views were being fairly represented. Mark reminded everyone that the Appraisal results would be made available as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timescale: 2 to 3 months ▪ 2 public meetings, probably at Loxley School ▪ 150-200 printed copies ▪ Via the Forum website: www.loxley.org.uk ▪ Copy to be filed for public viewing at Bradfield Parish Council building. 	
<p>5</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 15th February 2006 at 7.30pm, Bradfield Parish Council Chambers.</p> <p>Main item to be discussed: setting up of Gala sub-committee.</p> <p>Any other agenda items to Mark or Dan please before this date: mark@loxley.org.uk / 7 Leaton Close, S6 6RH danielblythe@btinternet.com / 534 Loxley Road, S6 6RT</p>	<p>All: please submit agenda items to MW or DB</p>