

Minutes of Meeting

Title: PTFA Committee Meeting	Location: Mr Roughley's Office
Date: Friday 29 March 2019	Time: 8.40am
Attendees: Clare Rackham, Martin Roughley, Shelly Rowe, Vikki Pope, Robert Bergs, Sue Seegobin, Denise Rowden, Claire Matthias, Julia Orr, Sally Calder	

Item	Actions
<p>1. Fireworks Proposal</p> <p>Clare Rackham welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the reason for the committee meeting was that the school had recently been approached by Chipstead Village Preservation Society with the proposal of combining both our fireworks displays together in celebration of their 50th Anniversary.</p> <p>The proposal was that the joint fireworks would be held at the Chipstead Meads and that Chipstead Village Preservation Society would take responsibility for organising the event and all Health and Safety/ Risk Assessments. Their request was that CVPS encouraged families from the school to attend the event. In return, they promised Year 6 could still carry out their torchlit procession and that they would guarantee matching our profit from 2018 and offered the possibility of providing shuttle buses up to the village.</p>	
<p>2. Discussion</p> <p>The immediate response from the PTFA Committee was that the CVPS fireworks is an established community event that many school/ local families like to attend because they can easily walk to it from home. It's a safe event on a school site that the children know well which lots of locals also like to attend meaning that they don't have to engage in the risk of having fireworks at home.</p> <p>It was felt by the majority of the committee that many people just would not want to go up to Chipstead. Parking is limited up there and it requires walking small children along dark country lanes to reach the Meads. Once there, keeping a close eye on children in a much more public venue was likely to put people off attending and it was felt that many families would opt to attend displays at other schools instead.</p> <p>It was felt that the proposal of shuttle buses simply wasn't feasible.</p> <p>The CVPS fireworks has never been about making money, it has always been a community event providing a safe, easy venue for local families and residents.</p>	
<p>3. Decision</p> <p>Unanimous vote AGAINST the proposal. CVPS fireworks will remain at Chipstead Valley on Saturday 9 November 2019 as booked.</p> <p>However, it was agreed that the school would help promote the Chipstead Village Fireworks.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.10am.</p>	