

**Minutes of Dickens of a Christmas Committee  
held on 24 September 2018 at 7:30pm  
at the Olney Centre**

**Present:**

Cllr Deirdre Bethune	Olney Town Council
Cllr Jeremy Rawlings	Olney Town Council
Cllr Joanne Eley	Olney Town Council
Bill Bethune	Resident
Neale Bowdidge	Market Trader
Andy Stewart	Market Trader
Colin Dooley	Market Trader
James Evans	Market Trader
Phil Geach	Resident
Gill Parker	Church
Mike Kennedy	Trader

**In attendance:**

Jane Brushwood, Deputy Town Clerk    Olney Town Council

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Tony Evans, Cllr Dr Sally Pezaro, Cllr Paul Collins, Cllr Graham Harrison, Roger Mann.

**2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 25 June 2018**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2018 were agreed.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of Interest are received from the traders

**4. Road Closures**

The quote to state staying at the market until 7pm and to include parking at the Industrial Estate as well as Emberton Park have been received from last year's contractor and agreed.

**5. Stall Arrangements**

Cllr Bethune to enquire if The Bull and Cherry Tree will be selling hot food outside their premises, based on the outcome, Cllr Bethune will meet with Phil Geach, James Evans and the office to decide stall invites.

**6. Entertainment Arrangements**

All have confirmed, a newly formed choir have requested to sing, it was agreed that if they are good enough by then they should be invited.

**7. Advertising / Publicity & 9. Select a Poster**

FoLiO's Saturday craft club have designed a poster for displaying in local shops. The winning poster was designed by 10year old Rachel. Otherwise, just facebook advertising will be enough.

**8. First Aid Arrangements**

To use First Responders again.

**9. Any other business**

Bill Bethune – is aware that the signs need to be checked and dates changed.

Joanne Eley – are we a group or an events sub-committee, we need to arrange it so the traders can stay during declarations.

Phil Geach – knows someone who would like to sponsor the Christmas tree, would a name plate be acceptable, it was agreed. He also noted that there were no retailers present, he knows someone who might be interested, it was agreed that they would be welcomed to the meeting.

Neale Bowdidge – asked for the cost of the marshalling and if there was a contingency plan, it was agreed that one would be impossible if the weather was against us.

Mike Kennedy – suggested a treasure trail, it was agreed that the church, museum and FoLiO would be asked if they would like to organise one.

Jeremy Rawlings – asked if the VIP's could be invited again.

**Date of the next meeting Monday 22nd October 2018**