

Minutes of Dickens of a Christmas Committee
held on 22 October 2018 at 7:30pm
at the Olney Centre

Present:

Cllr Deirdre Bethune	Olney Town Council
Cllr Tony Evans	Olney Town Council
Cllr Jeremy Rawlings	Olney Town Council
Cllr Joanne Eley	Olney Town Council
Cllr Graham Harrison	Olney Town Council
Bill Bethune	Resident
Roger Mann	Resident
Phil Geach	Resident
Andy Stewart	Market Trader
Colin Dooley	Market Trader
James Evans	Market Trader
Mike Kennedy	Trader
Graham Daniel	Retailer
Sharon Cross	Retailer
Gabriella Cocchiarella	Retailer

In attendance:

Jane Brushwood, Deputy Town Clerk Olney Town Council

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Dr Sally Pezaro, Cllr Paul Collins, Gill Parker

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 24 September 2018

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2018 were agreed with one amendment.

3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest are received from the traders

4. Road Closures

All in hand and applied for.

5. Stall Arrangements

Martin Ward is not able to assist at the North end this year so it was proposed to ask the marshall service to stand in before going to the Yardley Road.

Cllr Bethune enquired if The Bull and Cherry Tree would be selling hot food outside their premises, they had no plans to. Cllr Bethune, Phil Geach, James Evans and the office met to decide stall invites, they have been offered and 30 applicants were rejected or put on a waiting list. Currently waiting for 12 responses before the waiting list would be called on.

6. Entertainment Arrangements

All have confirmed.

7. Advertising / Publicity

The poster will be copied for shops to display.

8. First Aid Arrangements

First Responders have confirmed.

9. Any other business

Joanne Eley – has approached the museum about a treasure trail, they already organise one but are happy to join forces with FoLiO and the church for next year.

Bill Bethune – has had a quote for the change of dates and an extra sign to go on the market place.

Colin Dooley – mentioned that there were increasing problems with overnight parking, office to investigate portable neon signs.

Roger Mann – reminder that Santa's rounds start at 7am. Requested the council gazebo be put up before the grotto.

Jeremy Rawlings – asked about VIP's, responses are beginning to come in.

Is there any way that the dress code could be enforced? Suggested no return invite the following year, photos to be taken and reported back.

Date of the next meeting Monday 19 November 2018