

**Minutes of Dickens of a Christmas Committee
held on 21 January 2019 at 7:00pm
at the Olney Centre**

Present:

Cllr Deirdre Bethune	Olney Town Council
Cllr Jeremy Rawlings	Olney Town Council
Cllr Tony Evans	Olney Town Council
Cllr Joanne Eley	Olney Town Council
Cllr Paul Collins	Olney Town Council
Cllr Graham Harrison	Olney Town Council
Bill Bethune	Resident
Phil Geach	Resident
Roger Mann	Resident (arrived 19.25)
Neale Bowdidge	Market Trader
Colin Dooley	Market Trader
Andy Stewart	Market Trader
Graham Daniel	Retailer

In attendance:

Jane Brushwood, Deputy Town Clerk Olney Town Council

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Dr Sally Pezaro

2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held 19 November 2018

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2018 were agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest are received

4. Wash up notes from 2018 event

Bill Bethune – it went well, there was room to move and the entertainment was good.

Graham Harrison – the parking at Lily Hill was not good, could cones be put out?

Phil Geach – there was good feedback although the Christmas spirit was a little lost due to few people dressing up. Concerned about the letter to High Street residents as ad hock stalls do not show liability. Letter to reflect this.

Paul Collins – the Farmers Market end seemed quieter than last year but it went well.

Joanne Eley – has a visit from the licencing authority and wanted an update. Licencing had contacted the office and were now happy.

Neale Bowdidge – although the waste system worked well, some stalls left their rubbish and we need to consider getting a skip.

Andy Stewart – all went very well and the electric points were a bonus.

Graham Daniel – went well and had the best Dickens in 5 years

Colin Dooley – asked about the incident with the fairground worker, the person was fired by the fair owner and no further action would be taken.

Jeremy Rawlings – thanked the museum for another superb guided tour.

Tony Evans – a tremendous atmosphere, the church didn't do so well at the hall. Waste needs to be a decision by management, not committee. The parking worked well, possibly write to sports clubs asking that no major events are held on the same day.

Roger Mann – read notes from a member of the TOG tech team who supply the PA system for the event; parking an issue, maybe have marshalled park & ride from the recreation ground, better signage and advertising and an additional bus to encourage more use of P&R facilities. To publish the time of the last bus of the day. Printed timetable of entertainment. Have a visual presence from the organisers.

Deirdre Bethune – read out a few of the thank you emails received from stall holders

5. To confirm the date for 2019 event

It was agreed that the date for the 2019 event would be 8th December

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 18 March 2019