



## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Tuesday 9 June 2015 7.30pm Wellington Hotel**

**Present:** Peter Dixon, Sue Webster, Ross Yates, Nick Chater, Mary Buchanon, Claire Bailey, John & Denise Tillinghast, Margaret Pickering, Chris & Sally Searle, Paul & Jackie Stedman

**Apologies:** Debbie Bezant, Linda Lockwood, Tina Jenkins, Vince Gerrison, Robin Haddy

### **Matters Arising from Last Meeting:**

**Christmas** - It is planned to hold carols around the Christmas Tree on 11 December. The Chamber will again purchase two trees and spare lights from top town tree will be given to Debbie for the bottom one and Debbie will be asked to liaise with Mike Parsons and Tracy from the Cobweb/school to finalise plans.

**Halloween** – In conjunction with the Museum of Witchcraft and with permission of the NT, (to whom Peter will contact) the idea was discussed of holding a special event on the evening of Sat 31 October, to include a competition for carved pumpkins which could be lit and placed on the river banks, with prizes for different age groups and even businesses with the chamber funding book tokens as prizes.

**Walking Week** – A really successful event this year with over 60 people taking part in 14 walks and raising over £400. Thanks must go to Sally for organising it and the helpers/guides along with John Scott's much appreciated contribution of PR services on behalf of the Wellington. Next years' walking week will take place on 16 – 22 April. Ross and Nick will look into promoting it on Facebook.

**Food Festival** – All the food stalls have been sold out, the Chefs are all booked and the craft stalls almost full. This year the committee are keen to emphasise the involvement of the whole village and there is much going on throughout including Green Scene, plans for workshop/activity on Valency lawn, events in the community hall, village trail and possibly 'family foraging'. Lesley Walker is enthusiastically trying to obtain grants and make it all possible. Six freestanding, multi purpose flags have been purchased which can be used to promote any events that take place in the village. As usual there will be a Gala Night on Thursday with a new band and on Sunday a special evening of entertainment with the Plymouth Military Wives choir and the Boscastle Buoys. The bar is been provided by Paul Lathom from Preston Gate who will be donating 20% of profit (after vat). Tickets are £10. The Chamber will write to the CCC requesting concessions/permits for parking spaces for the festival as they have done in previous years and will ask if The Parish Council can also write a letter of support.

**Toilets** – Still under negotiation and at present the CCC will take responsibility for them until April 2016

**Any Other Business** – The Post Office is closing on 16 June and possibly re-opening at the Spar Shop. Chris Key has kindly offered to come to a meeting and give a talk on commercial legalities and will be invited to do so at the meeting due to be held on 10 November.

*Next Meeting 8 September*

