



Shiplake and Dunsden  
Dramatic Organisation  
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Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee held on 8 June 2011 at Gateways, Station Road,  
Shiplake

Present: Beryl Lawson, Fred Lawson, Pam Hudgell, Harriet Thomas, Liz James (Chair), Hilary Tucker, Pip Collings, Simon Classey, Angie Cadman, Neill Wilkinson

Apologies: Rosemary Appleby, Neil McAdam

1. Report on recent events

Pip reported that she had attended the Henley Drama Festival with Harriet, Angela and Gareth Jones. They had seen several plays and there was interesting feedback. Harriet and Pip felt that Shaddo would be able to participate in such an event if we so wished (appropriate standard etc).

Beryl and Fred reported that the play reading had gone well. 10 of us had read a full length Agatha Christie play 'Murder at the Vicarage' Hilary reported that our prospective new member Ronnie had enjoyed the evening (Hilary has since been in email correspondence with Ronnie and sent her a membership form as she would like to join us – Hilary will follow this up and invite Ronnie to future events). Many thanks from all to Beryl and Fred for hosting.

**ACTION: HILARY**

Pam reported that the Auction of Promises workshop had gone well and that the birthday child had enjoyed it.

2. Updates on previous action points

Harriet reported that she had obtained the play script from Troy Banyon (Anthony Bray) and had read it through. Discussion followed – we did not think that we would want to take this script forward but Harriet will write and thank him for letting us see it.

**ACTION: HARRIET**

Neill reported that last year's books had been closed off and that the previous bank account could now be closed. Hilary had seen Gareth and signed the closure letter. Neill would get a cheque from the old account and put it into the new one, which is to be with Nat West Henley. Neill confirmed that we have free banking as a not for profit organisation. Neill and Hilary will be signatories to the account and Hilary will let Neill have a copy of the constitution [DONE] to send to the Bank.

We currently have a balance of funds of £6316.12

**ACTION: HILARY and NEILL**

Neill will sort out a savings account as well.

**ACTION: NEILL**

### 3. Future events

We discussed Steve Matthews' proposal to direct 'An Inspector Calls'. This was felt to be an interesting proposal and we agreed that we needed to hold a meeting in the near future so that Steve could explain all the details (e.g. when he would want to cast it, potential performance dates etc etc). Liz James would contact Steve and suggest some dates which we could all do, so that Steve could choose the best one. Once Liz had a definite date from Steve, she would confirm the date of the next meeting with the whole committee – we would hold the meeting at Gateways and the main topic on the agenda would be this play.

Possible dates that most people could make for next meeting were 12/07, 19/07, 21/07 and 28/07.

It was felt that, for any play in the Autumn, Steve would need to cast before the summer break.

**ACTION: LIZ**

Liz would also contact Gareth and Angels who had kindly offered to host an early Autumn BBQ at Little Timbers. Liz would report back with possible dates etc at the next meeting.

**ACTION: LIZ**

Meanwhile we would not put any details of the above out to the members as we need to firm up whether they are going ahead.

We reviewed the MM scripts sent out by Gareth – all liked 'A Recipe for Murder' best. We were slightly worried about the improvisation element (large) and Liz offered to ask Gareth whether he might be able to write more of a script to support this.

**ACTION: LIZ**

The committee agreed that Hilary should send out an email to adult members (including the committee) to see who might be potentially interested in taking part in a MM so that we could advise Gareth.

**ACTION: HILARY**

We discussed a potential Panto for Jan 2012. It was agreed that Pam would ask Rosemary to make provisional Hall bookings based on Gareth's schedules for previous years [DONE].

**ACTION: ROSEMARY and PAM**

Harriet agreed to talk to Ashley to see whether she might be interested in directing.

Angie Cadman would ask Becky whether she might be interested again.

Hilary would add a general note in her email (although it was felt that direct approach was best).

**ACTION: HARRIET, ANGELA and HILARY**

Pip offered to be musical director (with technical support).

Liz said that she might be willing to take on stage managements again (as long as there were no more scene changes than this year).

Beryl and Fred said that they would be willing to do FOH again.

#### 4. AOB

Pip reported that there was a MM by the Woodcote Players on Saturday and that she would attend and give feedback [DONE].

We would wait for Liz to confirm the date of the next meeting with Steve as it is important that he can attend because of the play.

Liz to notify all of date of next meeting (one of the dates mentioned above)

**ACTION: LIZ**

The meeting ended at 9.05pm with thanks to Liz for hosting.