

## Buxted Bonfire Society Public Meeting



**Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

**Location:** White Hart

**Attendees:** Debra Elliott (Chair), Paul Scott-Harris (Sec), Russell Jackson (Tres), Rick Burton, Karen Barnes, Nigel Hodgson, Hayley Elliott

**Agenda:**

1. Apologies.
2. Introductions
3. Corrections to minutes
4. History of Buxted Bonfire Society
5. The vision and direction
6. Membership Forms
7. Merchandising
8. Summary, conclusions and closing questions.
9. AOB.
10. Next meeting.

Agenda Item Number	Discussions
1	Monica Ross (CC), Mick Gosden (H&S), Katrina King
2	Nigel asked what torch captain involved. Sourcing materials, storage, lighting torches. (Role to be confirmed in green Book). Nigel agreed to Torch Captain role.
3	All ok
4	Letter provided by Paul Dennison – read by DE. Storage of torches offered by Paul Dennison. Buxted societies quiz night at Cricket club 3 <sup>rd</sup> November. BBS used to be known as “The Wombles” and used to dress-up as Wombles too. Union jack outfits also (perhaps for the jubilee). At the point of closing BBS in 1981 the society wore toy soldier outfits. C1893, Buxted Boys met at for a dinner at White Hart/Buxted Inn including, torches/fireworks. PSH to discuss history with Ovenden’s on Gordon Road. To understand what the BBS Founders Cup was for. With large thanks to Jason ‘s Dad, of the Buxted Inn for donating the Founders Cup to the new BBS.
5	Outstanding roles include: Chief Marshall, Band Marshall, Collection Captain. Wanting to work with the Scouts, though awaiting next link meeting with the Scouts. We await feedback from the scouts upon their exec meeting from the minutes released form the 30 <sup>th</sup> March (TE present). BBS exec wish to proceed and work with the Scouts. The green guide was discussed and what it is. How it could be used. RB has agreed to act as representation for the Ionides Trust on an on-going basis. All exec members agreed to be paying members of BBS.
6	PSH provided attendees with version 2 of the membership form. All agreed it needed further tweaking. Agreement that one form per person to be completed.
7	KB to ascertain badge, hoodies, Polo shirts, T-shirts, Pin badges, car stickers, beanies/scarves quotes. Banner to be designed and the quoted by KB. Current prices: Hoodies £20, Polo shirts £16, Kids t-shirts £8 retail through BBS direct. Noted by DE, cravats and black belts need to be worn if people are wearing a smugglers jumper during a parade though not necessary at any other time. These would have the BBS logo and red in colouration (as per BONCO). To be obtained by KB
8	None
9	Ron Hill/Paul Lucas-Scott to be contacted for Sussex Express to perform a piece. Uckfield Matters to be contacted to perform a piece in May 2017. Buxted Messenger A note within Buxted Talk – Please PM us to receive an application form. Insurance now quoted by level of events (inclusive of fundraising, jumble sales, limiting to 250 people/night) at £ If we work with the Scouts £625/yr (without fireworks), but to light a firework is £ Discuss with Jason (Buxted Inn) Sponsorship – The White Hart, The Buxted Inn, Silverback Tree Surgery, J Wilkins, Buxted

	Pharmacy?, Oast Farm?, KSV?, Buxted Stores?, BBS Sparks to be launched ASAP. Livery to be defined including a sparkler. Locations for flying decided. Five Ash Down, Ringles Cross, Coopers Green, Diary to be decided for main torch procession. Discussed by attendees, we wont cover in such detail the previous minutes as they have already been ratified.
10	The Buxted Inn Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May @19:30.

**Next Agenda Items:**

1. Company house registration (DE, PSH)
2. Open bank account (DE, PSH, RJ)
3. Apply for insurance (DE, PSH)
4. Obtain sponsorship to apply for insurance so that we may begin fundraising. (ALL)
5. Code of conduct to be drawn-up (DE, PSH, MG, RJ)
6. Initiate development of website (AB)
7. Obtain domain name from online provider.
8. Social media interaction (DE, PSH)
9. To identify promotions/social media post? (PSH)
10. Order/design promotional materials including banner (DE, PSH, RJ)
11. Outstanding posts to be assigned (TBC)
12. Storage of torches (TBC)
13. Location for dipping the torches (TBC)
14. The need to communicate with those who do not use social media.
15. Link and present to other Buxted societies such as horticultural, hockey, cricket, Ionides, Buxted Messenger etc.