

# **TIVERTON VILLAGE SOCIETY**

## **Minutes of the A.G.M. of the Tiverton Village Society held at Meadow Cottage, Tiverton on 2 February 2007 at 10.30.am.**

**Those Present: Maureen Blake (Chair), Hazel Wrightson (Treasurer)**

- 1. Apologies: Sheila Pugh**
- 2. Treasurer's Report: Year to 30 September 2006**

Hazel stated that there was a balance of £803.05 in the Tiverton Village Society Account at HSBC and that there was a cash float of £28.08. Enclosed please find Treasurer's account.

### **3. Discussion:**

Maureen reported that Jackie Smith had resigned from the committee earlier in the year.

She stated that she had also resigned on the 12 January 2007 and had sent a letter of resignation to Steve Armitage (Chairman of the Village Hall Committee) and to Roger Cheshire (Chairman of Tiverton & Tilstone Fearnall Parish Council.)

In the ensuing discussion the following arose:-

#### **The purpose of the Village Society**

In the Parish Plan 2005 23% of villagers said they would be willing to help organise events or social activities but to date people had only offered their services for 3 events:- the Village Day, the Village Carol Service and the New Year's Eve Dance. Numerous requests have been made in the Village Newsletter for people to come forward and offer to organise other events but there has been no response. This was a pity as the Village Society has funds to back events but it needs volunteers to actually organise them. There seem to be people to help (usually the same ones) but not many organisers! The Village Society with a committee of 3 is unable to take on this commitment and do everything personally.

One has to question whether the Village Day has run its course as an annual event.

It was considered that Tiverton is too small to organise events only for residents of Tiverton. A wider involvement with people from nearby villages was preferable. This enabled the New Year's Eve Dance 2006 to be a great success, although only 12 Tiverton residents attended.

The Garden Club also has members from outside Tiverton, which it welcomes wholeheartedly, and so does the weekly Bridge Club.

Perhaps the Village Society could be run as a sub-committee of the Village Hall Committee. Audrey Povall would be an ideal person to chair this sub-committee as she not only knows a lot of people but also has ideas and contacts for events. If the two committees are interlinked there are possibilities for greater success. Perhaps the regular coffee morning group would be ideal for this sub-committee as they already meet once a month?

Tiverton has to accept that most of the residents are of the older generation, who might not want many events organised for them on a regular basis. There are very few children and their activities are amply catered for by the local schools – e.g. sport, music, drama and trips. It might be that parents in Tiverton consider this to be sufficient.

### **Chairman's Vision**

I had hoped to create enough interest so that people would come forward and volunteer to run events. I had ideas of my own but was also wanting residents to offer to, be responsible for events of their choice.

### **Any Other Business**

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 11.30am.