



**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
1 JUNE 2010**

Present: Ralph Maloney (Chair)
Jane Maloney
Adam and Clare Merton
Chris and Michelle Deller
Dave Blackett
Richard Malachowski
Carol and Craig Wyles
Martin Owen
Kim Burberry
Will Ruddle
Nanda De Rosa

Apologies: David Webb
Anne Williams
Neville Diss
Louise Sullivan
Jacqui Hedington
Bob Finnegan
Uwe Schafer
Michael Barltrop

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies are noted as above.

2. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made for the purposes of all members present.

3. **New members:**

Will Ruddle, plasterer
John Walton, East Anglian Locksmiths
Trevor, Village Glass

4. **Website update:**

No update was available for the meeting. A full update will be given at the next meeting.

Action: Adam Merton

5. **SSBP financial situation to date/Directory possibilities:**

Discussion took place regarding delayed printing and distribution of the Directory due to lack of funding.

After discussion it was decided that confirmation is required regarding the costs involved with:

Printing the Directory

Distributing the Directory including delivery to the Stukeley Meadows area

Confirmation of costs will be emailed to each member. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

In the interim please can each member get their adverts ready to go into the Directory.

Action: All

Discussion took place regarding the pro rata joining fee system in place for new members.

After discussion it was decided not to continue with the pro rata system. From now on each new member will pay a £50 yearly fee starting from the date they join the SSBP. Thereafter, each member will be contacted when their yearly fee becomes due and payable.

Action: Michelle Deller

6. **Charity night final figures:**

The charity night was a great success. £188.60 was raised for the SSBP from the raffle, which will go towards publication and distribution of the Directory.

A cheque for £850.56 will be presented to Caresco. It is hoped presentation of the cheque will be covered by local newspapers. Confirmation will be given with respect to when presentation will take place. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

7. **National Association of Business Owners:**

Further investigation of this organisation will take place and a more detailed report given at the next meeting. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

8. **Brewery trip:**

A date for the brewery trip has yet to be decided.

A 30 seat coach will be hired and the cost per person will be approximately £7.50. Tickets will be sold to members on a first come first served basis.

Once a date for the trip has been confirmed members will be emailed. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

9. **Carnival and Sawtry Show:**

It was decided not to take part in either the carnival or the show this year.

It was proposed that we would take part in next year's carnival by organising a food and beer tent with an advertising area for local businesses.

10. **Website challenge:**

Three more websites where members can join for free are:

freeindex.co.uk
yell.com
scoot.co.uk

11. **Any other business:**

Ralph Maloney has details from Penny Lord of UK Ceed. She has funding available for businesses looking to restructure and employ. The funding is not available in the Sawtry area but if anyone is interested please contact Ralph Maloney for details.

Carols Cleaning Services are looking to take on a part time cleaner for approximately 1-2 days per week. Anybody interested can contact Carol Wyles on telephone numbers 01480 450361 or 07964052306, or email her at carolscleaning@hotmail.co.uk

David Webb will be invited to talk at the next meeting on tax issues and will be able to answer any queries that members may have. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

Jane Maloney will be doing the 5kms Race for Life on 25 July 2010 for her sister-in-law who recently died from cancer. Details on how to sponsor Jane will be emailed to members. **Action: Ralph Maloney**

All members and their families are invited to the Greystones Pub, Sawtry on Saturday 14 August from noon onwards. It is hoped that as many members as possible are able to attend.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 7.30pm