

# NORTHOWRAM SCARECROW EVENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, on-line

Present: Steve Collingwood (SC), Andrea Collingwood (AC), Robin Owen Morley (ROM), Peter Caffrey (PC), Careen Bower (CB), Phil Ward (PW), Leanne Watson (LW), Steve Amos (SA), Sara Ward (SW), Janet Green (JG),

Apologies: Molly J Varley (MJV), Richard Priestley (RP), Lynn Jagger (LJ), Marilyn Burton (MB), Alison McManus (AM), Louise Smith (LS), Sheila Hewitt (SH)

Item	Notes	Action
1. 1.a.	<b>Attendance</b> See list above for those present and apologies.	All to note
2. 2.a.	<p><b>NSE 2021</b></p> <p>The Chair asked each member for an initial comment and then went around the room a second time, the comments below are both combined</p> <p>█: on-line event (pictures on web site and map where they are) over normal weekend, possibly August weekend. Perhaps a weeklong, possible prizes</p> <p>█: too risky to arrange at the moment, are people going to put scarecrows up, postpone to August. Locals will put some scarecrows out and locals doing plenty of walking about anyway</p> <p>█: not online, could be chaotic, nervous about May, possible end August, a difficult decision to make. Might not be out of lockdown in June. How about a one-off at Christmas lights time</p> <p>█: no to online, scarecrow might go up naturally in May, possible committee put a few strategic ones out with banners advertising the 2022 event. No to August as very busy last weekend before going back to school, lots of people on holiday. No to May as an invitational event PC to speak to council regarding various options, Christmas could be a good idea</p> <p>█: this year too unstable and no guarantee we won't go back into lockdown, leave till 2022. Ask locals for May day, but not an invitation to others, Christmas ok but as a one-off</p> <p>█: prefer end of August option, May too risky. His business not opening till mid May with restrictions. Supports early May weekend if anything to be organised but very low key and not to be advertised. Supports 'big bash' 2022</p> <p>█: no to online, no to August as quietest Bank Holiday of any. Should be normal May weekend, perhaps committee could arrange registration of scarecrows and do an online map. Churches did a booklet during lockdown (why can't we), Christmas a possibility</p> <p>█: current restrictions and pathway out of lock down difficult. No to May or August. Wait until May 2022. We will have to actively not encourage people to come to the village if we ask locals to put scarecrows up. Christmas, not sure, prefer to for 'big bash' 2022. Could PC ask in Public Health to see who would be responsible if people came to village from outside</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>PC</p>

	<p>ask the public to put scarecrows out on normal weekend or postpone till end of May</p> <p>ask the public to put scarecrows out on normal weekend</p> <p>I think we should do something however it won't be a traditional style Scarecrow event. Encourage the Northowram Community to make and display scarecrows. Need to consider whether there are prizes this year, perhaps this year is the year where the scarecrow fund has to provide the prize (normally from donated prizes), would council help in any way? Could it be a full week this year incorporating the usual first bank holiday weekend? Not actively saying no to people attending. Can people send in their images to put on the website/Facebook/crowd funding page? Could someone go out and photograph and show on website?</p> <p>: if anything is to be organised it should be the traditional weekend in May, difficult to ask people to build scarecrows and then not have people come to the village from outside. I now believe we should postpone till 2022</p> <p>too early to decide for May as not out of lockdown yet, August too quiet BH, no to Christmas as we have stepped away from the event so don't want to send a mixed message, postpone till 2022</p> <p><b>The Chair:</b> as this has been our first meeting for some time and it is a difficult question that we are asking of ourselves, no final decision is to be voted on today. However, we will need to decide soon, therefore I will be taking a vote at the next meeting, which will be the final decision on whether we organise an event in May, August, Christmas or 2022. So, if everyone can peruse the minutes and be ready to decide.</p>	<p>PC</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p><b>3.</b> 3.a.</p>	<p><b>Fund raising</b></p> <p>The Chair again asked each member for a comment and then went around the room</p> <p>Virtually everyone agreed that doing a 'fund raising' effort was a good idea, but that the wording should be based around raising money for good causes within the village as usual. Should any surplus funds be available they can be used for the 2022 event.</p> <p><b>Comments were:</b> 'nothing to lose', 'say sorry for the postponement' 'depends on the message and how we sell it', 'blame the government'</p> <p>'yes let's do it',</p> <p>Tell them it is for the benefit of the community of Northowram, probably best not to say it's for our caravan/trailer. Give examples of what the money raised so far has been spent on. Ask for as much as possible, we could raise £200 or £200K? Run for at least 2 weeks before and after</p>	<p>ROM/SC</p>
<p><b>4.</b> 4.a.</p>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b> <b>Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 (online)</b></p>	<p>ALL to note</p>