



## Sherborne Town Band Committee

Minutes for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Present:** Richard Frost, John Derrick, Natalie Miles, Sean Beechey, Ian Miles, Alan Derrick

**Apologies:** Kevin Long, Andrea Beechey, Joe Miles

### **Matters Arising:**

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as a true record.

It was agreed to withdraw any further action for going to Clevedon bandstand for this year.

Bowling club have booked the Youth band for 15<sup>th</sup> May, need to confirm time.

Band dinner- The Chairman is to confirm a date and await a menu from the Thornford pub.

The booking on 21<sup>st</sup> May has been cancelled, the Chairman is awaiting confirmation of a new date.

The Yetminster fair has also been cancelled.

The band has received no more information on the booking for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

The Chairman to arrange for the band room front door to be fixed, he also stressed the importance of closing the door properly and the need for educating people who close that door.

### **Correspondence:**

An opportunity has arisen for a 13-19 year old to join the Douzelage trip to Slovakia in July, the player needs to be grade 6 level or above. Ideas were to contact parents of two young members currently in the band. The Secretary to do this.

Collecting permits for 2017 have arrived, also the paper copy of the Digby hall bookings for this year have been received, thank you Richard Frost for arranging this.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Healthy balance at present, the contest has cost the band significantly less than in previous years.

### **Agenda:**

Black jackets: The President is starting to look for funding for some more black jackets, committee member Alan Derrick has been researching places to get jackets and has found a good source, which he has agreed to find further information. The Secretary will contact players to find out how many jackets need to be purchased.

### **Other Business:**

The Chairman announced a few changes to the current players line up, also some information on more players hoping to join the band in the near future, these were;

- The soprano player has agreed to make a vacancy for Julie Hipworth to join the band, the Chairman wishes to thank the soprano player for doing this
- Kirsty Blencowe has also said she would like to join the band again after Easter playing Bb cornet, the Chairman has offered her the repiano part
- The Chairman will contact Conrad Yeadon to find out if he wishes to return to the band.
- The band has gained a new BBb bass player José Batista.
- Sadly the principal cornet player wishes to step down for the time being as he wants a break from it, there were a few ideas mentioned about filling this seat, each were not viable, therefore it was suggested that we advertise for a new principal cornet player.

A note of thanks for Steve Rogers for his efforts in the recent contest.

A note of thanks for Sean Beechey for arranging all the administration for the contest.

Ideas were discussed on the committee driving more contest rehearsals for next year.

The Secretary to contact players with updates to the events list and to find out how many can attend the band dinner on the current proposed date of 30<sup>th</sup> April.

The Vice Chairman to produce a tick sheet for players to fill in availability for the coming events.

Next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016