

WRA Annual General Meeting

25th February, 2016 @ 7pm

At Worlebury Golf Club

MINUTES

No	Content	Action
1	WELCOME As the Chairman was unavoidably delayed it was agreed that the Secretary would open the meeting and continue with the Agenda until he arrived. Sue Chinnick (SC) therefore welcomed all residents and thanked them for their continued interest in the WRA, and introduced the committee. SC explained that this year all the Officers' reports were printed in the recent newsletter with the idea of leaving more time at the AGM for discussion, and that the format for the evening would be as the Agenda which had been placed on each seat along with a copy of the accounts.	
2	MEMBERS PRESENT Secretary - Sue Chinnick (SC); Treasurer – Denis Newbury (DN); Membership Secretary - Stephen Sands (SS), and Worlebury Residents.	
3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Committee - Sean Williamson▶ Residents - Julian & Sara Butler; Lesley & Keith Taylor, and Mike & Sally Ling;	
4	CONFIRMATION OF 2015 MINUTES SC explained that the Draft 2015 Minutes were posted on our website (as will be the 2016 Draft Minutes) and the residents were asked to approve them – John Chapman proposed, and there were no votes against. The Minutes were duly confirmed. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2015 MINUTES – there was just one: the re-wording of Clause 4 of the Constitution. SC reminded residents that this item had been included in the Newsletter giving the current wording together with the suggested change which she read.▶ The revised wording was approved by a majority decision	SW
5	Q & A SESSION 1. <u>The Glade</u> – Sylvia Cook from Worle Lions, gave a brief presentation about the Lions and the work they do locally and abroad and noted that it's their centenary next year. Of particular importance to the WRA was knowing about the 'Leos' (which are the youth arm of the Lions) and the fact that they have an annual challenge in finding a project dealing with the environment. This year they worked with the WRA and the Council to clear The Glade area of Worlebury Woods from brambles and laurel. As Sylvia talked we were shown lots of photographs of progress throughout the day and it showed just how hard the girls had worked. Sean Williamson and Steve Sands from our committee also helped on the day and have since tackled the amount of laurel still to be burned. However, it was due to the perseverance and hard work of the Leos that The Glade is once again 'fit for purpose' and we thanked Sylvia for their endeavours. SC then reminded residents of the previous "Weapons & Wellies" monthly gatherings to keep The Glade clear and advised that any notices for this and other events would be put up in the Notice Board next to the Golf Club shop (and the bus shelter).	

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	<p>2. <u>The Queen's Birthday Party in June</u> – Miranda Pincott, of the “School Friends” was unable to attend to give an outline of the proposed event; however, SC informed the residents of what had been talked about when Miranda had approached the committee to ask if we could work together on such a Birthday Party.</p> <p>Briefly, the idea at the moment would be to involve the school, the church and ourselves putting in an agreed amount of money with any funds raised being split in the same proportion; having a ‘picnic’ type party in the grounds of the school – with tables and chairs for older people, and perhaps some sort of entertainment. It would be open to the whole community and not just parents of the school’s children.</p> <p>A question was raised concerning cost which we were unable to answer as that level of detail has not been discussed yet. SC asked if people present would be interested and the majority were. We agreed that we would circulate more information once we knew.</p> <p>3. <u>Officers’ Reports in the Newsletter</u> –</p> <p>The bus service</p> <p>A question was raised as to whether the service to Worle still existed or would be re-instated. Lisa Pilgrim said the brief experience the company had prior to the roadworks showed that it was too costly to run. Many people there were glad we still had a service and said that, if you had the time, the extended journey was pretty. SC mentioned that there were more passengers now from the extended part of the route, which sometimes meant you might have to stand on the return journey; however, it did mean the route was probably more viable. Wanda Shapley said that there was a good connection in town to pick up the 105 to the Hospital. Overall those present felt it was better to keep this service than not have one at all.</p> <p>VETS system re The Worlebury Defibrillator – SC mentioned this to ensure everyone understood the system now it was ‘live’ and thanked those residents who had volunteered.</p> <p>A query was raised because the newsletter had said the first step was to ring 999 to call an ambulance and only then ring the VETS number, and they had direct experience that once you speak to the 999 operator you are kept talking with questions about the patient’s condition etc., making it impossible to put the phone down to call VETS if you only have one ‘phone and/or are on your own.</p> <p>DN mentioned that the last time SWAT did their “Awareness Session” for us they had said ring VETS first although they weren’t that happy in case the person then forgot to ring the ambulance because of the panic they may be in through dealing with the emergency. However, SC mentioned that the instructions form CHT definitely stated to ring 999 first.</p> <p>It was agreed that SC would contact both the SWAT and the CHT people again to clarify exactly the correct procedure.</p>	<p>SW/SC</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>SUBJECTS RAISED BY MEMBERS prior to the AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Current Situation re our Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)</u> – Lisa Pilgrim said this was still on-going as the Council were looking at funding. Until then we would need to check our own speed if we didn’t want to join the many people at the meeting who had already been caught! • <u>Cost of monthly ‘Coffee Mornings’</u> – SC explained that we were charged £10 for the space in the Golf Club and £1 per coffee. This meant to break even we had to have 10 people at the current rate of £2 per cup. The general feeling of the meeting appeared to be that the current charge was reasonable but the Committee would look at the charge again. The meeting liked the idea of a social coffee morning and asked if we could advertise it on say the planters in the week prior, to see if that made a difference to the numbers attending. 	<p>SW/DN /SC/SS</p>

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7	NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF 2016's COMMITTEE SC advised that the current members were willing to stand for this year & asked for proposers & seconds as follows: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th><i>Committee member</i></th><th><i>Proposer</i></th><th><i>Secunder</i></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Chairman, Sean Williamson</td><td>Wanda Shapley</td><td>Roy Godwin</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer, Denis Newbury</td><td>John Chapman</td><td>Vivien Adlam</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary, Sue Chinnick</td><td>David Green</td><td>Hilary Chapman</td></tr><tr><td>Membership Secretary, Stephen Sands</td><td>Gill Green</td><td>David Green</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>DN announced that this would be his last year as Treasurer having been in one office or another for over ten years, and asked anyone of those present to consider if they'd like to take over in 2017.</p> <p>SC mentioned the outstanding posts and DN suggested that if anyone was interested they approach a committee member during the refreshment break.</p> <p>SC also mentioned that as we didn't have everyone's email then could they complete the forms on the table if they had no objection to receiving notifications in this way, as it would help cut costs. There was also a form suggesting ways they may be able to offer help.</p>	<i>Committee member</i>	<i>Proposer</i>	<i>Secunder</i>	Chairman, Sean Williamson	Wanda Shapley	Roy Godwin	Treasurer, Denis Newbury	John Chapman	Vivien Adlam	Secretary, Sue Chinnick	David Green	Hilary Chapman	Membership Secretary, Stephen Sands	Gill Green	David Green	
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8	ANNOUNCEMENTS Jane Sands of Neighbourhood Watch informed us that all were welcome at their annual meeting on 22 nd April at the Golf Club @ £7 per head which includes supper. Their speakers will be Andy Harris and Marilyn Darg working together to pose various legal scenarios for us to solve.																
	Business ended at approx. 7.45pm.																
	SPEAKER At 8pm SC was due to introduce Mr John Thatcher of Thatcher's Cider to entertain us with anecdotes about his business; however, he didn't appear and all attempts to ring him failed. Consequently, residents were told, and invited to stay to socialise. Many of them did stay for a little while and then gradually drifted away.																

Date Minutes Agreed : **Signed by:**

ADDENDUM

1. Vote of Thanks

After the meeting had ended SC was approached by Wanda Shapley and Vivien Adlam to say that they regretted that no-one had proposed a vote of thanks to the committee members for all their hard work, which was much appreciated.

Consequently, their comments have been recorded here and the committee are grateful to hear this.

2. Speaker

Mr John Thatcher rang the secretary, Sue Chinnick, at 9.05 on Friday 26th, to apologise most profusely for not attending. He definitely had it in his diary together with the paperwork; however, it had slipped his mind by the end of the day and he was truly sorry.

3. New Committee Members

We have a possible volunteer for the role of Treasurer.