



WRA Annual General Meeting

16th February, 2017 @ 7pm, at Worlebury Golf Club

MINUTES

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1	<p>WELCOME</p> <p>The Secretary stood in for the Chairman in his unavoidable absence and welcomed everyone, thanking them for their continued support of the WRA. Copies of the evening's agenda were on the chairs and the latest audited accounts and 2016's Minutes were also available.</p>	
2	<p>MEMBERS PRESENT</p> <p>Secretary - Sue Chinnick (SC); Treasurer – Denis Newbury (DN); Membership Secretary - Stephen Sands (SS), together with signatures from 25 households making a total attendance of around 35.</p> <p>Our thanks go to those who gave their £5 donations.</p>	
3	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Committee - Sean Williamson ▶ Residents - Lesley & Keith Taylor, and Aileen Todd (<i>The Secretary announced the fact that Aileen's husband Norman had passed away a few days earlier</i>). 	
4	<p>CONFIRMATION OF 2015 MINUTES</p> <p>SC explained that the Draft 2016 Minutes were posted on our website and that, as not everyone could access the internet, copies had been brought to the meeting, and the residents were asked to approve them. Mr. Butler pointed out the mistake in his name which should have read Justin (not Julian) and the Secretary apologised. As there were no votes against, the 2016's Minutes were duly confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2016 MINUTES – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>VETS -v-999 – which to ring first?</u> - Both the South West Ambulance Trust and the Community Heartbeat Trust (<i>re our VETS system</i>) had confirmed that people should ring 999 first and VETS 2nd. ○ <u>Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS)</u> - SC reminded the meeting of the current situation (as in the Newsletter) and after a short discussion a vote was taken to decide whether to approach the Council to be part of the rota system for a temporary sign. As only 2 of the residents present were in favour, it was agreed to close this item. 	SC
5	<p>Q & A SESSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <u>Officers' Reports in the Newsletter</u> – no matters were raised. ▶ <u>Helping</u> – Thanks went to Caroline Boots, Julie Denny, Chris & Patricia Nelson for offering their help on specific items prior to the meeting in response to the newsletter, (and to Janet Wildman for offering at the end of the AGM). <p>SC thanked our volunteer distribution group for delivering the 500 newsletters to all residents on our hill and asked for one more to deliver to Furze Road and Hillcroft Close: our thanks go to Sally Ling who kindly agreed, and SC will add her name to the list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ <u>2nd Defibrillator</u> – Following the item in the newsletter, discussion ensued concerning the need for a 2nd defibrillator which would be placed nearer residents in the Cliff Road area as they had furthest to travel to the current one. The questions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) electricity supply was raised: SC mentioned that previously a householder had volunteered providing this free of charge if we decided to place it on their wall; however there were possible legal implications of this. b) costs involved: DN stated it would be approx. £2.4K to provide both the defibrillator and the cabinet. c) Jaqi Harris, who was heavily involved in securing the 1st defibrillator, mentioned that it would be difficult to commit to a 2nd without a sub-group for fundraising. 	SC

	<p>2nd Defibrillator continued...</p> <p>Sally Ling proposed that we defer this item for the time being, and everyone agreed.</p>	SC																								
6	<p>NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF 2017's COMMITTEE DN advised that the current Chairman, Secretary and M/ship Secretary were willing to stand for this year (although the Chairman wanted to stand down as soon as a replacement was found), and that we had received a nomination of John Chapman for Treasurer, and asked for proposers & seconders, which were as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 383 1362 680"> <thead> <tr> <th>Committee member</th> <th>Proposer</th> <th>Secunder</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chairman, Sean Williamson</td> <td>John Chapman</td> <td>Steve Harris</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer, John Chapman (new)</td> <td>Vivien Adlam</td> <td>Kareen Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary, Sue Chinnick</td> <td>Jaqi Harris</td> <td>Hema Karve</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Membership Secretary, Stephen Sands</td> <td>Lesley Pattenden</td> <td>John Adlam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NEW : Lesley Pattenden</td> <td>Jane Sands</td> <td>Vivienne Adlam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: Chris Nelson</td> <td>Vivienne Adlam</td> <td>Kareen Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>: p/t help as required: John Williams</td> <td>Kareen Williams</td> <td>Jaqi Harris</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>SC wished to thank everyone and especially our 2 (and ½) new committee members and will contact them when the next committee meeting is due. Thanks were also given to DN who had been a dedicated and enthusiastic committee member for over 10 years and took on many more jobs than just being treasurer: he will be greatly missed.</p>	Committee member	Proposer	Secunder	Chairman, Sean Williamson	John Chapman	Steve Harris	Treasurer, John Chapman (new)	Vivien Adlam	Kareen Williams	Secretary, Sue Chinnick	Jaqi Harris	Hema Karve	Membership Secretary, Stephen Sands	Lesley Pattenden	John Adlam	NEW : Lesley Pattenden	Jane Sands	Vivienne Adlam	: Chris Nelson	Vivienne Adlam	Kareen Williams	: p/t help as required: John Williams	Kareen Williams	Jaqi Harris	SC
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7	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighbourhood Watch Social Evening – Jane Sands mentioned that some of the signs are deteriorating with age and Neighbourhood Watch is buying some new ones. The Social Evening will be Friday 31st March with a supper of jacket potatoes & a choice of filling. The speaker will be Helen Heskins from Trading Standards who will explain the ‘myths’ of the organisation. Flyers will be distributed soon. 	JS																								
8	<p>SUBJECTS RAISED BY MEMBERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Proposed Radio Mast</u> – SC mentioned the proposal by Vodafone & O2 to erect a radio base and mast by the bus stop, outside the Golf Club, which not everyone on our hill knew about, and that some residents were strongly against the idea and had formed a group separate from WRA, to investigate it further. SC then introduced Kareen Williams to bring people up-to-date on the findings of that group. This included the fact that the Golf Club were also against the idea, and the objections which her group intend to raise include the visual effect on the environment – this approach had helped defeat a similar proposal ion 2006. There is usually only a 4-week window in which to object once it reached the Council planning department, which had not yet happened. Justin Butler made a case for having a radio mast, particularly because of the difficulty in accessing signals where he lives: Kareen stated that their group were aware of the failing signal for some parts of our hill and emphasised that they were not against a mast per se, just the positioning of the one proposed. Kareen suggested organising a discussion meeting to include representatives from Vodafone and O2, the Golf Club and any interested Worlebury residents, to raise concerns and find more facts: approx. half the audience agreed, although Chris Nelson raised concern that it must be productive rather than just complaining. Kareen will go ahead with this idea. 	KW																								
<p>Business ended at approx. 7.55pm</p>																										
	<p>SPEAKER SC introduced Cllr. John Crockford-Hawley who gave an informative and very entertaining talk about the history of Worlebury Hill, as well as its relationship to Weston, following which there was spontaneous applause from the residents. SC then gave a Vote of Thanks to him on behalf of the WRA for finding time in his busy schedule to join us and regaling us with such an intriguing background and amusing presentation which must have taken some time to create, before asking the residents to show their appreciation once more with applause.</p>																									

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