



WRA Annual General Meeting

20th February, 2020 @ 7pm, at Worlebury Golf Club

MINUTES

For the first time, everyone on our email list received a copy of 2019's Audited Accounts; 2019's Draft Minutes; an update on the three "Matters Arising", including a separate note giving the history of the Village Green Proposal together with the current criteria; and the Agenda for 2020's AGM. The idea being to save time at the meeting, which would give more scope for discussion on other matters. To cover anyone at the meeting not on our email list, extra copies were available at the back of the room.

	Content	Action
1	WELCOME Lesley Pattenden (LP) welcomed everyone and introduced herself as the 'acting Chair' for the evening, and proceeded with the Agenda, a copy of which had been placed on alternate seats.	
2	PRESENT The Membership Secretary reported 35 people present (including the committee) and donations of £125 were given.	
3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Keith & Lesley Taylor; Denis Newbury; John & Eileen Weddell; Chris & Patricia Nelson; John Adlam; Cllrs. Roz Willis and Lisa Pilgrim (<i>Lisa had given the secretary notes in answer to the various queries with which she had been tasked</i>).	
4	CONFIRMATION OF 2019 MINUTES These were approved unanimously. <u>Matters Arising:</u> <i>"Village Green Idea" to prevent the erection of telecom masts.</i> LP gave a brief update for anyone who had not seen the notes sent via email, mentioning the current pros & cons attached to creating a Village Green. Kareen and John Williams answered questions, as they had been involved in the telecom mast rejection and had researched the idea of a village green. A vote was then taken on, "Should we proceed with this project?" and the majority of those present agreed NOT to proceed. We wish to thank Kareen Williams and Cllr. Lisa Pilgrim for their investigations so far.	
5	OFFICERS' REPORTS <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – John Chapman (JC) stated the reasons for the reduction of the bank balance last year from £1,662.83 to £871.48 as being:- ▶ The purchase of the Glade Picnic Table (£627) ▶ No Barn Dance or Spring Fayre last year (2018's fayre alone made a profit of £306) ▶ Some reduced attendances at other functions during the year. JC explained that WRA needed about £700 pa to cover ongoing commitments, and donations are normally around £350 / £400, which is why we need events to raise funds. LP asked for a vote to accept the accounts, which was carried.	
6	ELECTION OF 2020's COMMITTEE LP mentioned that as all the committee members were willing to stand again, then if everyone agreed, she would ask for a proposer and seconder to elect them 'en masse'. Many people raised their hands and we've recorded that Gill Green was the proposer, and the seconder was Kareen Williams. This means that: the treasurer remains as John Chapman (JC); Secretary as Sue Chinnick (SC); Membership Secretary as Steve Sands (SS); committee members as Chris Nelson (CN), Lesley Pattenden (LP) and Sean Williamson (SW). LP mentioned that the Chairman's role was vacant, and there was also room for more people to join us and anyone interested should contact a member of the committee.	
7	DONATIONS The current suggested donation of £5 min. per household per annum was approved unanimously. Sally Ling asked about membership and whether everyone paid each year. LP explained that we didn't really offer a 'membership' in the usual sense of the word because we didn't give anything extra for being one, eg., everyone is welcome to join our events whether or not they've made a donation. Consequently, we had started to refer to people as 'supporters' of our Association to avoid any confusion that the word 'membership' creates. SC mentioned that although not everyone does donate, there are those who donate £5 even though they never attend events, and there are also some who pay much more than the suggested donation.	

8	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - No Agenda items were submitted to the secretary prior to the meeting. However, LP read out the information Cllr. Lisa Pilgrim had given us in relation to previous queries, as follows:- <u>Speeding on our Hill</u> <i>Signage</i> - Further to previous decisions that it wasn't possible to add more because the lampposts were not metal, a Council person has agreed to view the site again as he believes it may now be possible to have some higher up the hill. However, the Police have said they don't consider the speeds currently witnessed on our hill to be cause for concern. <u>Street Lighting</u> – The lighting will continue to be turned off at midnight. Although we are due to have new lampposts with more economical bulbs, the lights will still go out at midnight to 5am. Concerning lights on over cross-roads, the Council don't consider our junction to qualify as dangerous, so the lights will stay off. Jane Sands (JS) from Neighbourhood Watch mentioned this was a concern brought up at their recent meeting, which had a Police presence, in view of the number of thefts taken place overnight last year; however, JS said the answer was the same. Proposed Merging of Neighbourhood Watch with the WRA – JS gave a short talk describing the advantages of this proposal and confirmed she had already approached the WRA committee who agreed in principle with the idea, although details still had to be sorted out. SW raised the question of whether we would need to change the WRA's Constitution. JS stated that as it would not be a proper merger, simply the two organisations working as a team in close co-operation, she didn't think that would be needed, especially as for some insurance policies it was important for people to say they lived in a 'Neighbourhood Watch' area. A vote to support the proposal was carried unanimously. Roy Godwin asked if the annual evening social would continue in future: JS confirmed that it would, and that this year's would be on 20th April; would cost around £8, and had a speaker booked who works for Hansard in the House of Commons.	
	FUTURE EVENTS LP explained that the idea was to put on an event every month, and although nothing is currently scheduled for March it is hoped to have a Quiz Night either in March or early April. LP said she hopes to organise an Easter Bunny Trail, and would like to hear from anyone willing to display a picture of a rabbit in their front window. Other forthcoming events are: <u>16th May – Plant Sale</u>, with refreshments, at the school. We would be grateful if anyone had seedlings ready by then and were willing to gift them to our stall. Also, if anyone local would like to set up a stall to sell their wares, then there would be no charge; however, they must let the secretary know for planning purposes. Details will be emailed nearer the time. <u>Aug/Sept Open Garden</u> - Steve & Jane Sands will be opening their garden again for Worlebury residents and will be asking for donations, which will go to a charity of their choice and WRA. <u>New Ideas</u> - LP invited people to think of events they might like to enjoy and let a committee member know; in the meantime, there was a form at the back to record ideas.	
	VOLUNTEERS SC mentioned that there were forms at the back for people to jot down their names if they should wish to participate in the following:- <u>Belong to the WRA Group Email list</u>, to be kept immediately advised of events and issues relating to Worlebury. It is GDPR compliant and only the "Bcc" (Blind carbon copy) line is used in order to keep addresses private. Chris Curnock mentioned how useful it had been, especially over missed refuse collections. SC mentioned it was thanks to Cllr. Lisa Pilgrim for her quick responses. <u>To join our V.E.T.S.</u> (Village Emergency Telephone System) to take the defibrillator to a caller who was unable to leave the patient. It was important to have more volunteers as there was no guarantee someone would be available at any particular moment because we all had busy lives. Training would be given to all volunteers. <u>Newsletter Stand-by Distributors</u> to help out over holidays/illness and/or to halve some of the loads currently dealt with (eg 2 people had over 60 to distribute whilst others only had 25-30). <u>Cake Makers</u> – for our refreshment stall at the Plant Sale on 16th May.	
10	Business ended at 7.45pm and was followed by a 15 minute refreshment break.	
	SPEAKER At 8pm LP introduced Cllr. John Crockford-Hawley who gave a talk entitled, "A Cornucopia of Weston Characters" (Good, bad or just plain bonkers?). Following this entertaining and informative talk, LP gave a Vote of Thanks.	

Date Minutes Agreed :

Signed by: