



WRA Annual General Meeting

23rd February, 2022 @ 7pm, at Worlebury Golf Club

MINUTES

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1	WELCOME Lesley Pattenden (LP) welcomed everyone and introduced herself as 'Acting Chair'. She then introduced the other Committee members and proceeded with the Agenda.	
2	PRESENT After the meeting the Supporter's Secretary(SS) reported 23 supporters present (including the Committee) and donations of £65, plus £5 for the Glade Reinstatement were received.	
3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Roz Willis, Chris Curnock, Ann Daniells, Kate & Steve Poland, John & Kareen Williams, Sue & John Chinnick, John & Vivien Adlam, Hema Karve, Lisa Plant, David & Gill Green, and Peter Avery.	
4	CONFIRMATION OF 2020 MINUTES Following a summary of key matters by LP these were approved, proposed John Davidson, seconded Jane Sands.	
5	OFFICERS' REPORTS <u>Treasurer's Report</u> – The Treasurer John Chapman (JC) reported a balance of £1111 at the start of 2021 reducing slightly to £1060 at the end. However £367 was ring-fenced for the Defibrillator fund and £50 for the glade, leaving around £770 in general funds. He noted that this was not a large reserve as the annual cost of 2 editions of the Newsletter was around £365.	
6	NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF 2022's COMMITTEE Nominations were: Treasurer John Chapman; Secretary Sue Chinnick; Supporter's Secretary Steve Sands; Committee members - Lesley Pattenden, Chris Nelson, Sean Williamson, Martin Williams. All re-elected, proposed Jaqi Harris, seconded John Davidson.	
7	DONATIONS The Committee recommended that the suggested donation remain at £5 minimum per household p.a. This was carried, proposed Ann Davidson, seconded John Davidson.	
8	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION Submitted by Supporters: Speeding on Milton Hill, Street Lighting, and Dog Fouling. LP handed the floor to Cllr. Lisa Pilgrim (LPi) to report on current issues, including the above. ▶ <u>Green Bins</u> – Discount of £10 for 2022/23 to existing users because of interruptions to service in 2021. ▶ <u>Speeding on our Hill</u> LPi said that North Somerset Council (NSC) recognised that there was a problem with speeding on the hill. They were proposing limited proportionate measures in the 2022/23 financial year, such as building out of bus-stops and removal of white lines. Such measures were known to reduce vehicle speeds. Supporters were sceptical that these measures would be sufficient and reported incidents and times of day when speeding was excessive and causing real problems. WRA had tried before to get a permanent speed warning sign erected without success. Chris Nelson (CN) wondered if the community could do anything and LPi said that we could apply for Community Speed Watch. This would need Police approval, but LPi would take it forward. There were several volunteers to operate this on a show of hands and LPi asked if they could give their names to the WRA Secretary Sue Chinnick. ▶ <u>Street Lighting</u> – Reported as fixed. ▶ <u>Dog Fouling</u> - There was a lively discussion around the behaviour of dog owners and the problems with bins and the lack of bins. LP said that NSC preferred approach was through education to discourage dog fouling, such as via the school. It was reported that Worlebury Garage had realigned their CCTV camera to view problems up Milton Hill, but it was accepted that it was not necessarily a good idea to confront offenders. With reference to the information leaflet produced by NSC, it was noted that Council officers were reluctant to take any action when issues were reported to them. LPi agreed to follow this up with NSC.	LPi ALL LPi

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	Submitted by WRA Committee <u>Our No. 6 Bus</u> - LPi said that the route was under review. The service was run successfully supported by NSC but First Bus agreed to take it over. They have found that especially with the larger bus being used to provide disabled access the service is uneconomic. LPi said that the best way to support the service was to use it, but it was noted that the 2 hourly interval service and the decline of the town centre do not encourage usage. It was suggested that a petition might be useful to try to retain a service. LPi said that in conjunction with Cllr. Roz Willis (RW) she would follow up on this and draw up a petition with the correct wording as appropriate. It was noted that WRA had been fighting to retain a bus service to Worlebury on and off over the years.	LPI & RW
9.	FUTURE EVENTS LP outlined the events in the WRA calendar as listed on the Agenda and noted that the Jubilee Tree Planting, postponed owing to storm Eunice, had been rearranged for the 26th February. LP then invited Chris Nelson (CN) to talk about the Glade refurbishment. CN outlined the proposals for solid wooden tables and benches and an owl sculpture. He noted that funding was in place for the tables and benches thanks to generous donations from two local organisations, but extra fund raising would be necessary for the owl. The choice of materials was questioned but LP responded that this had been discussed at length by the Committee and other potentially more vandal resistant materials such as concrete were felt to be inappropriate for the setting. CN said that construction was planned for April with an official opening in May 2022.	
10	VOLUNTEERS ▸ <u>V.E.T.S.</u> – LP said that more volunteers were always welcome and that forms were available at the back of the room.	
11	CLOSE OF BUSINESS The meeting closed at 7.55pm and was followed by refreshments.	

Date Minutes Agreed : **Signed by:**