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**WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of WVA committee meeting: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
held at 2110 hrs at Holy Trinity Church, Westcott**

**Attendees**

**WVA Trustees:**

Tim Way (Chairman) (TW)  
Bert Broom (Vice Chairman) (BB)  
Sandra Ede (SE)  
Andrew Copeland (AC)  
Edwin Harland (Treasurer) (EH)

**In attendance:**

Hazel Watson

**Apologies:**

Andrew Lewis  
Edwina Gordon  
Jo Astor  
James Friend

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from those listed above.

**1. Minutes of the WVA meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

These were approved.

**2. Matters Arising**

**a. Committee Vacancies – proposed candidates**

1. Gavin Musgrave
2. Catherine Stevens

It was agreed that TW would get in touch with proposed candidates Gavin Musgrave and Catherine Stevens. TW stressed that being a Trustee meant much more than merely attending meetings, and only wished for people to

accept such positions if they were able to commit to investing the necessary time to making a difference in the village. Andrew Copeland suggested Nick Lund as a possible candidate, and was asked by the committee to discuss the matter with him.

**ACTION: AC**

**b. Parking Restrictions – Westcott Street**

HW stated that she had met with County Council parking officers last week (w/b 11<sup>th</sup> February). They hoped to finalise the parking plans in March, at which point they will be published on the County Council website. HW said that all those who had responded to the consultation would be contacted.

**c. Website**

TW congratulated AC and Jo Astor on the excellent new website. BB commented that the Facebook page was receiving many hits. AC commented that there was much more that we could now be doing to market what it is that the WVA actually does. Given that next year's subscriptions would be falling due in a few months' time, this could be a good opportunity. TW asked AC to produce a short one pager of how the WVA could work more effectively through the use of new technology.

AC agreed and said that he would include in this an assessment of the feasibility of paying subscriptions electronically. He believed that PayPal was the most viable option.

**ACTION: AC**

**d. Dovecote and Bus stop re-thatching**

Postponed until next meeting

**3. Revised Constitution**

**a. To discuss next steps following consultation**

It was agreed that the Consultation in relation to the proposed new Constitution was progressing very well, and that as currently drafted it would allow the WVA to achieve what it wanted to achieve. Further discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

**4. Proposed Village Survey (Deferred from last meeting)**

Postponed until next meeting

**5. Street Stewards**

EH pointed out that at this year's renewal, it would be necessary to fill many gaps in our membership database. Firstly, we were missing numerous email addresses.

Secondly however for many households, we currently only hold the name of one person. Given that the proposed new Constitution allows for household members, it will be necessary to collect the name of all adults in each subscribing household who wish to be recorded as members.

TW commented that this would place additional burdens on the street steward network, and said that he would discuss this matter with Edwina Gordon.

**ACTION: TW/EG**

The committee agreed that EH should acquire a copy of the MVDC "open" electoral roll for approximately £20. TW said he would enquire whether we were also able to obtain a copy of the church electoral roll.

**ACTION: EH**

**6. Highways and Countryside Protection**

No matters requiring discussion

**7. Finance**

No matters requiring discussion

**8. Planning Applications**

No matters requiring discussion

**9. Other Association Matters**

**a. Sponsorship request**

TW explained that he had had a second sponsorship request, and stated that in his view there had to be an element of achievement (for example swimming a fixed number of miles) for any sponsorship application to be considered. EH cautioned that the WVA would unfortunately not be able to support every sponsorship application, regardless of the achievement involved.

**10. Any Other Business**

No matters requiring discussion

**11. Next meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The meeting concluded at 2135.

Signed:

Tim Way, Chairman

Date: