



WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of

The Westcott Village Association

On

Thursday, 20th June 2019

In

The Barn, Lower Springfield Farmhouse, Westcott at 19.30hours

1. Apologies for absence

Tim Way, Jo Astor, Andrew Copeland, Edwina Gordon,
Hazel Watson, James Friend

2. Minutes of the

- Open Meeting of 9th May 2019
- WVA Committee Meeting of 9th May 2019

Were approved

3. Matters Arising:

- **Heathland below the church**

Nick Jordan-Moss will take a bracken cutter as the first step by early July. Paul Hardwick will follow-up (aiming for August) with a digger to remove all tree roots and level up ready for Hugh Broom to plant meadow grass and flower seeds. Hugh Broom will undertake subsequent maintenance on behalf of the Church.

- **Indigo Spice Appeal**

The planning appeal has been rejected.

ACTION: **Tim W** to contact the owner to find out their intentions and seek improvement to the aesthetics of the building pending a redevelopment outcome.

- **Westcott Village Sign**

No update. Subsequent to the meeting – Highways, having omitted to re-order the sign, is now dealing with the matter.

- **Dovecote/Bus Stop**

Jo Astor has made contact with a master thatcher and involved the Westcott History Group; subject to be added to next month's agenda.

- **Village Clean-up day 13th July**

Examples of littering and more significant fly-tipping have been observed (northeast, north and northwest areas of park – sharing boundaries with Springfield and Westcott St.). Photographs to be taken of fly-tipping examples as part of the litter picking day.

- **Future Mole Valley – revised timetable**

Delay for 3 months due to change of MVDC administration. WVA monitoring closely

4. Expenditure Plan – to discuss

- Funding Request criteria
- Expenditure proposals

See #6 below.

5. Marketing Plan – to review

AC

ACTION: **Andrew** to deliver marketing plan at next meeting (1st August).

6. Financial Report

Edwin presented the costs for 2019 (y/e 31st July). Aiming to trim sundry costs for the next FY.

WestFest: A question was raised about the destination of funds from Westfest – Hugh B believed that the general proceeds were given to the three nominated charities. The WVA stall proceeds went to the WVA.

Small grants: The subject was discussed and proposed that we should be learning from the MVDC approach. WVA funding could be based on match-funding principle where this can be secured. Examples discussed: taking groups of teenagers on trips in the summer holidays; specific activities, e.g. go-karting; equipment for the art club – all items which benefitted the village and residents. Initial suggestion of £1,000 from WVA.

ACTION: **Edwin** to liaise with James F on ideas and how the small grants scheme could work. (ensuring this did not conflict with the new Westcott 100 Club approach).

Community Facilities: Tim W and James L are working with a company (White Young & Green) who will be conducting master-planning activity to take a brief and develop it for presentation to the Chairman's Forum. Likely to spend 1 day in the village to review each site and meet a representative from each to be conducted July/August with presentation in September 2019. Subject to be discussed at the next WVA meeting.

7. Other Association Matters

- Meeting venues to be discussed at the next meeting.

- WestFest Stalls (Bottles, Cakes, People)

EG

Edwina Gordon is organising the stalls.

- Annual Membership Subscriptions (progress report)

Anomalies arising due to membership year ending at different time to WVA FY.
Question raised about changing the FY end date – providing it doesn't conflict with the constitution. Proposal to change the FY end to 31st May.

ACTION: **Tim W** to advise in relation to the new constitution. TW

- Ride London

Divided opinion amongst the committee members present.

ACTION: James F to check option whereby MVDC gives WVA funding for them to manage the site – what would be involved? Could it be linked with the small grant scheme? JF

ACTION: Tim to request presentation from Ride London and/or Surrey CC at a public meeting – post-mortem from the 2019 event and also the rationale for holding future events. TW

8. Any Other Business

- Grass on cycle route is narrowing the width of the track.*

ACTION: **Hugh B** agreed to cut the grass back. HB

- Cut nettles from Watson Rd down to Bailey Rd.*

ACTION: **Hugh B** agreed to cut the nettles. HB

- 1,3,5,7 The Burrell – trees need attention (esp. Golden Elm). Clarion own the land.

ACTION: **James F** to contact Sandra to discuss details. JF

Meeting closed at 21.00.

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 1st August 2019 The Barn, Lower Springfield Farmhouse at 19.30pm