



Minutes of the Westcott Village Association
Committee Meeting Held at
Holy Trinity Church from 9pm on 5th March 2020

Present from the WVA Committee:

Tim Way as Chairman, Andrew Copeland, Sandra Ede, Paul Goddard, Edwina Gordon, Edwin Harland, Simon Bradley

Apologies: Hugh Broom, James Leaver, Nick Lund

In attendance: James Friend, District Councillor and Hazel Watson, County Councillor

Agenda:

1. Action Points from the Committee Meeting 23/1/20
2. Any other business

1) Highways: Speeding and Noise

Westcott Car Stickers were now available. All car users in Westcott to be reminded in the next Magazine to use them and abide by the message. ACTION: TEW

54 on line replies to the Questionnaire plus an unknown number of paper replies had been received. Consideration to be given to extending the deadline for submission when the total number of replies is known. ACTION: TEW

Paper replies to be keyed in as if received online to make collation and evaluation easier. ACTION: TEW + EG

Feedback from the Police / Highways Authority is that they will not make any changes to current signage, road making and speed limits as a means to curb speeding or noise levels in the Village. Increased Police radar monitoring has been noted.

Next Steps / Course of Action to be taken by the WVA to be considered once the Questionnaires have been evaluated.

ACTION: TEW + AC

2) Prudential cycle ride 2020

EH reported that he had spoken to the organisers of the ride. As expected, they are currently very busy with this year's event, but from September/October, all the information will be available about applying for places in the 2021 rides.

Assuming that the same principles apply as for the current year, the system works as follows:

- any charity can apply for as many places as they want
- the organisers conduct a ballot - but apparently with reasonable chances of success
- following this, charities are informed how many places they have been awarded
- the charity can then accept as many of these places as it likes, paying approximately £225 for each

There is no problem with WVA applying and then selling these on at cost or any other price to people who wish to participate. EH suggested therefore putting this on hold until the autumn, but in the meantime taking some soundings from Villagers to gauge the actual level of interest.

Update to be included in the Magazine requesting anyone interested to come forward. Can also advertise at Westfest and potentially at Nirvana and on the Notice board.

ACTION: TEW

Note a decision on whether Ride London will continue through Surrey after the 2021 event will be taken at County Hall on 28th April.

3) Defibrillator

EH reported that he had done some limited research on defibrillators which were suitable for converted phone boxes. The typical price appears to be around £2000 including VAT.

EH queried if any Trustee was responsible for the current defibrillator by the shops. Defibrillators do have batteries and pads, both of which need periodic replacement. After discussion, it was agreed that Chris Smewing be approached with a view to agreeing that he would regularly check the Defibrillator to ensure it was in working order and for instance to change batteries as required.

ACTION: EH

4) Bank Account

EH confirmed the 'Old WVA' Lloyds bank account was now closed.

JF is to give Hugh Broom the documents he needs to sign so he can be added as a cheque signatory for the new Clydesdale bank account.

ACTION JF

5) Finances

EH reported that £521.54 of gift aid has now been received and transferred to the new Clydesdale bank account. As the Lloyds account is closed a final set of accounts can be drawn up for the old WVA.

Accounts would also need to be drawn up for the new WVA, and EH suggested this might be a good time to select a different year end. As it stands, the old WVA had a July year end meaning that subscriptions received in one year were largely spent on activities undertaken in the next financial year. EH suggested that the new charity could have a 31 March year-end, meaning that all subscriptions and spending would take place in the same financial year. After some discussion, the Meeting agreed with the suggestion. ACTION: EH

6) Projects for 2020 - Discussion carried forward to next meeting.

7) WVA Website: PRG to review content and identify any out of date or misleading information for deletion or alteration and discuss next steps with AC & TEW. ACTION: PRG

Next Meeting: 16th April 2020, Barrington Court at 7.30pm.

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