



**Meeting of The Westcott Village Association
Thursday, 14th October 2021
Holy Trinity Church, Westcott at 8.45pm**

COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW OPEN MEETING - AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of and update on actions from the Meeting of 3rd September 2021. Matters arising.
3. Footpath improvement - see email circulated separately - led by TW
4. Membership Matters - led by SH
5. Planning Applications - led by JL
6. Highways Update - led by NL
7. Financial Report - led by EH
8. Westcott Village Green Christmas Tree - led by TW
9. Any Other Business - Agree 2022 Meeting Dates

Minutes

1. Apologies received from James Leaver, Hugh Broom, Nick Lund, Paul Goddard
2. Matters Arising (from meeting on 2nd September 2021)
 - a. Count-down signs. TEW reported that the Wotton Estate had agreed to the signs being erected on the condition that Highways gave their approval. The signs also were extremely large and this might cause problems. County Highways would again be approached.

ACTION NL/TEW
 - b. No progress had been made in contacting other parishes about Speed watch teams; this should be done when the Westcott programme became fully operational. NL was progressing training for seven new volunteers.
 - c. Future WVA and Westcott. TEW reported that Kevin Foo had written a piece for the November Village Magazine. A copy would be circulated to the Committee ahead of publication. ACTION TEW
3. Footpath Improvement – Greensand way. The item had been discussed at the Open Meeting. If the Walking Bus idea was supported by the school then CIL money and possibly WVA money could be used to make improvements to sections of the path to ensure it was suitable for children walking to school in all weathers.

4. Membership Issues. SH reported that we were still short of Street Stewards and that it was difficult to recruit new ones; some street stewards were very effective in gathering subscriptions but there was still a big gap in coverage in the NE corner of the village. Following a discussion, it was agreed to continue to push Standing Orders as a way of paying subscription and to produce an annual full page “advert” in the Village Magazine to encourage subscriptions. ACTION SH
5. Planning Applications: JL was not present. JF and TEW reported no new applications of note.
6. Highways: NL was not present. Following the discussion at the Open Meeting TEW agreed to write to Simon Coles asking him to market the idea of parents volunteering to be trained in Speed Watch duties for School start and finish times. ACTION TEW
7. Financial Report: EH reported that the WVA account had around £11,500 having successfully collected around £2,850 in subscriptions plus the £960 from WestFest. Projects needed to be identified to spend the money on.
8. Westcott Green Christmas Tree: TEW reported that JL had secured the same supplier as last year. The tree would be erected on 4th December and residents would also be offered the opportunity to buy their home Christmas trees from the same supplier. TEW had written to the school and the Church to offer them the opportunity to sign carols / festive songs round the tree. It was agreed that the WVA would purchase external Christmas tree decorations this year.
9. Any Other Business: Meeting Dates for 2022 – all Thursdays
 - January 13
 - March 10 (Open)
 - May 12
 - June 30 (AGM)
 - September 8
 - October 20 (Open)
 - December 8More open meetings would be arranged if needed.

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd December

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