



**Committee Meet: 16th February 2023, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at St Johns
Final Agenda:**

1) Forthcoming Activities:

- Open Meeting – scheduled for 15th March – discuss & agree format
- WestFest / Coronation Special: 8th May- £400 grant & WVA responsibilities

2) Updates from each Member on current and ongoing matters: All in turn

3) AOB: Aim is short and sharp discussion:

First Aid Training

Parish Council Project

Rural Speeds

Wolvens Lane – see correspondence circulated separately by PRG

When to discuss / conclude December email debate on the WVA providing direct financial help as a 'social service' (for want of a better description)

AGM content

Local Cycling and walking infrastructure plan

Note: Item 2 to be supported by written updates circulated in advance if possible – received from James Leaver and circulated separately

PRG 14th February 2023

Committee Meeting Minutes and Actions Arising:

Attendees: Jo Astor, Paul Goddard, Edwin Harland, Sally Hewetson, Nick Lund
Jon Mears. Apologies: James Leaver

Agenda Item 1:

WestFest: Jo confirmed that the WestFest Committee are progressing the organisation of the event as they have in previous years. Core WVA responsibilities will be the Bottle Tombola and to organise some 'fun race events' such as egg & spoon and sack races along the lines of those that have featured in previous Village 'Coronation Events'. Space will be allocated for these. It was suggested the Tombola Stall is placed next to the 'fun race' space.

The meeting agreed funding of £300 to cover the cost of 'participant rosettes' and sweets. Rosettes to be red, white and blue with the centre card printed appropriately.

Action: Jo to organise 72 rosettes. Jo is also meeting WestFest Committee Representatives w/c 20/2 and will update us with any matters arising.

Action: EH to research insurance implications if any

Action: PRG to confirm how to apply for and be awarded the £400 MVDC grant that is being made available.

Action: Jo and Sally to research what appropriate 'Coronation' flags and bunting is available to buy to decorate the village – for instance on lampposts and the bus stop and for use on the day at WestFest at Craddock

Plans and pleas for bottles to be communicated in the April and May magazines with email / social media support. Bottle collection / drop offs to be confirmed.

Open Meeting: After discussion, the meeting concluded that the Open Meeting scheduled for 15th March 2023 @ 7.30pm would go ahead preferably in the back room of the Prince of Wales. The meeting would be informal with no presentations from the Committee. Residents and others will be invited to come and meet the Committee and to discuss any Village matters, problems and solutions that they want the WVA Committee to consider and, where possible, to advise and facilitate resolution or at least to progress.

In particular, those running businesses and charring organisations in Westcott would be encouraged to attend.

Pending discussion with the Landlord, it was agreed that the WVA would pay for a first (reasonable) drink for all attendees.

Action:

- 1) Discuss and agree arrangements with the PoW landlord and book the room. Agree room set up nearer the time. DONE – Room booked and arrangements agreed with Dean, the Pub Landlord
- 2) Jo to contact eligible businesses and organisations in the Village to share the idea and encourage them to attend

Agenda Item 2:

The only items of note to record are

- 1) that NL and JL have been researching possible sites for installing public Electric Vehicle Charging points in the Village. The initial sites identified are not suitable or possible for a variety of reasons. Their investigation continues
- 2) that Residents living around the Green have expressed their ongoing concerns about the availability of car parking outside their houses. It is hoped this will lead to discussions at the Open Meeting

Agenda Item 3:

First Aid Training:

Richard Packer has booked a first tranche of three dates at St Johns for this being 17th & 24th March and 1st April and has submitted an article for the March Magazine. WVA will fund the booking fees.

Parish Council Project:

Tim Way has researched background material and is waiting for PRG to review to then discuss next steps. Update: TEW has updated the Committee on his proposed next steps / conclusions. These to be shared at the Open Meeting.

Rural Speeds:

We are waiting for the results & conclusions of the Consultation exercise undertaken by SCC in late 2022 to be published. Status / publication dates unknown

Wolvens Lane:

Recent correspondence on the condition and BOAT status circulated separately by PRG for discussion and agreed next steps.

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When to discuss / conclude December email debate on the WVA providing direct financial help as a 'social service' (for want of a better description):

Agreed to discuss at the next Committee Meeting where all Trustees are present

AGM content:

The meeting concluded that the idea to try to use the AGM in June to showcase local businesses and organisations was a good one and pending feedback from the March Open Meeting would be progressed nearer the time.

Local Cycling and Infrastructure Plan:

It appears no progress is being made by MVDC - status to be confirmed.
Action: PRG

AOB:

- 1) The noticeboards previously displayed outside the old Mace store are now at St Johns with JM for repurposing and use as Community Noticeboards when the proposed new café is up and running.
- 2) Both SH and PRG have booked to join briefing meetings in early March on Zoom relating to the forthcoming consultation on AONB boundary changes. Update to follow after these briefings
- 3) Future meeting dates: some Trustees find making a Wednesday meeting difficult and would prefer Thursday. PRG to discuss with JL and revert
Update: Proposed that meeting dates change as follows: May 17th to May 18th, AGM: June 28th to June 29th, Sept 6th to Sept 7th, Nov 1st to Nov 2nd. December 2023 Meet date tbc Action: ALL COMMITTEE TO CONFIRM AGREEMENT TO PRG IN WRITING ASAP SO MEET LOCATIONS CAN BE CONFIRMED

PRG 22nd February 2023