WESTCOTT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Agenda: Committee Meet Tuesday 22nd September 2026 @ 7pm

Attending: Jo Astor, Jane Betterton, James Croft, Paul Goddard, Magesh Ramakrishnan.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Review of minutes for recent meetings - updates or actions arising – All
3. Confirmation of WVA financial position now and potentially by May 2027- MR
4. Grants / Donation requests – update status
5. Christmas Tree 2026
6. Proposals / Updates from members on any other matters of note
    a. Parish Council set up - PRG update on the Zoom call with MVDC
    b. WNDP status
7. Key points from recent planning applications
8. AOB - to agree meeting dates to May 2027 including a 2027 AGM

Meeting Minutes & Actions arising:

- Cllr Abiram Magesh joined the meeting and updated us on current local and Unitary Council matters - Note only

Agenda Item 2 – items of note & to carry forward:

- Still outstanding – to progress the CIL application for the electrical supply and sleeve for the Xmas Tree. **Action: PRG**
- MR to continue to support the Westcott Parking Group and actions allocated to the WVA. This includes the impact of the crumbling wall on the footpath through the PoW car park. To liaise with JB as necessary. **Action: MR**
- Private Road list to be drawn up. Can SCC help? **Action: PRG**

Agenda Item 3

- MR confirmed the financial position laid out at the last meeting was broadly still the same – see last minutes
- Given the likelihood that the WVA will either become dormant or will dissolve in June 2027, a discussion took place as to what, how and when to advise those contributing to the WVA by way of bank donations to stop. **Action: MR to conclude**

Agenda Item 4

- Discussions with Richard Packer have taken place as to the practicality of making a donation of £335 to buy a Defib Trainer Device to be used by St John Ambulance Trainers for courses in the area – mainly at the Westcott Village Hall. Richard to confirm his thoughts to PRG to try to agree a solution. **Action: PRG to progress**
- The £300 donation towards the cost of the proposed music event at Holy Trinity on 24th October has been agreed by all Committee Members and has been paid and acknowledged. **Noted**
- Helen Everett notified of the decision to donate the net proceeds from the forthcoming WestFestivity Tombola Table to the WVH Trust. **Noted**

Agenda Item 5

- MR agreed to investigate potential Tree set up / insurance packages and separate insurance options for the 2026 tree. Ongoing with Insurers. **Action MR**
- Tree up date is Saturday 5th December and down date is Saturday 2nd January. Carols on the Green booked for 18th December. **Note only**
- Management of matters to buy, install, decorate, light and then dismantle the Village Green Tree - other than insurance which MR will continue to research - to be co-ordinated by Jo and Jane. PRG to find and send all / any relevant materials in support. **Action: JB/JA / MR /PRG**
- As Holy Trinity organise the refreshments, they have been asked to pay for them and collect takings on the evening given the Church receives and allocates the profits. Note HT would need to do this from 2027 anyway **Action: PRG** – has asked Jan Way to consider

Agenda Item 6a

- Tim Way and Paul Goddard attended a Virtual Meeting on 27th August hosted by Lucy O'Connell, the Electoral Services Manager at MVDC
- The meeting was titled 'Outlining the Process for the establishment of the three new parishes in MV' – being Box Hill, Dorking & Westcott. No agenda or presentation material has been published in advance
- Notes of / from the meeting have now been prepared by PRG/TEW (delayed awaiting slides from MVDC) and will be circulated 1) to anyone who has expressed an interest in being part of a Start Up Group 2) The WVA Committee for information and 3) Westcott Village Organisations and 4) the WVF & WVA email distribution lists. A covering note will explain the material and suggest a meeting for general discussion. PRG/TEW will also liaise with the Wotton Parish Clerk prior to that meeting. Meeting **will confirm next steps and volunteers identified to get fully involved**

Agenda item 6b

- It was noted that the Examination relating to the safeguarding or otherwise of Riverbank Surgery is scheduled for 23rd September. The Examiner's decision is expected within a few weeks after 23/9 at which time the implications of the decision will be considered by the Westcott Village Forum. A timetable leading to a referendum will probably be considered then too. **Note Only**

Agenda Item 7 – Planning applications

- Members confirmed that they do / will continue to read all papers on the MVDC planning website relating to applications that WVA might / will comment on to ensure understanding, consensus and agreement to any letters submitted by WVA - **Noted**
- No concerns were raised relating to recent applications up to 18th September 2026 - **Noted**

Agenda Item 8

- Committee meets agreed 6pm on 11th November at PRGs principally for WestFest tombola prep.
- Open Meeting booked for PoW back room for 8th December. Other Westcott organisations to be invited to take a slot – for instance Village Hall Trust, Westcott Village Forum, Westcott 100, The Hub. **Action: PRG to contact them**
- In addition, other agenda items could include Parish Council 'Project status, Unitary Council implementation status, slot by local Police. **Note**
- Committee volunteer still needed to attend in person MVDC Resident Associations meeting at Pippbrook at 9.30am on 26/11 as PRG is not available
- 2027 Committee Meeting dates agreed as follows:
    - Weds 10th February 2027 @ 7pm
    - Weds 7th April @ 7pm
    - Tuesday 18th May @ 7pm – all three @ PRGs
    - AGM (and probable Special Meeting) Weds 16th June @ 7pm HT to be booked
- Note that Jo is not contactable between the 6th and 20th October 2027 inclusive.

Meeting concluded at 9pm

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