

MINUTES OF WEVS AGM TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2009

Attended: Committee: Marc Bedwell, Mary Adler, Stuart Cazaly, Pete Jones, Yvette Jones, Savitri Kegge, Jeff Llewelyn, Robin Short, Duncan Peebles

Members:

Observer Cll. Keith Bush

1. Apologies

Graham Alleway. John Smith.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Were accepted. Guy requested that next year the meeting minutes be circulated well in advance of the AGM. - **Action Duncan Peebles**

3. Chairman's Report

The committee, members and distributors were thanked for their contribution. There have been 6 committee meetings.

Marc highlighted some of the achievements of WEVS over the last year including;

- Invited the Police to hold their surgery before the WEVS meetings
- Flooding and local planning matters.
- Marc commented on the development of the Village Design Statement efforts and the success of the public village meeting in November, at which over 90 residents attended. The VDS for West End is clearly something of major benefit to the village and as such WEVS to progress as a priority in 2009. Lastly out of the VDS meet a group of members have formed a direct action group. WEVS will support this action group in 2009.
- WEVS also conducted an Anti-litter campaign in conjunction with Holy Trinity School. Held "litter pick" days.

Marc apologised for not having progressed the WEVS Web Site so that it was up and running and committed to rectifying this as a priority. - **Action Marc Bedwell**

4. Vice Chairmans statement and WEVS issues summary (reproduced directly from the written report)

Duncan detailed a number of the activities that WEVS had been actively involved on during the past year. This included:

- Police Surgery at the beginning of each WEVS meeting. (Note: We forgot to thank PC Whiteside)
- Working with BP planners on the proposed changes at the Petrol Station
- WEVS Objecting to the Nursing Home at Herne Cottage.
- Flooding, drains and ditches. Work is progressing by the Borough Council, ditches are being cleared and a holding bund has been completed on the wreck . Thanks were given to Scotty and the Surrey Wildlife Trust Team for their work in clearing Mychetts Pond.
- Local Planning Applications: Number of "Extension" applications and the impact the change in planning regulations would have on this over the coming year. ,
- Recycling: As WEVS were following this up the Borough Council announced their plans for a new door-to-door collection scheme to be operated from Sept 2009. Cllr Bush gave an outline of the service and passed comment that sourcing the bins required was proving a challenge.
- WEVS attended both the Fete and Agriculture & Horticulture Shows. Both were well attended due to the excellent weather and numerous new members were gathered.
- Village Design Statement. WEVS had started the ball rolling on producing a VDS for West End. As a supplemental document to the local Borough plan the committee felt that this would be beneficial

to the village and as a non-political organisation WEVS was the ideal vehicle to help this off the ground.

- Borough Council Consultation on Government Housing requirements. We called a meeting for the VDS, with the timing of the announcement that an additional 400 houses could occupy released Green Belt land 90 local residents attended.
- Other issues included; Local Bus Routes to Brookwood, Speed indicators in Benner Lane, Promoting Litter picking, Jubilee/Church Road Trees.

5. Treasurers report

Balances as of 31st December 2008 totalled £2,440.83 comprising:

- Current Account £2,084.73
- Deposit Account £356.10

Income for the period was £2,021.42, Expenditure £1,154.13. The accounts are in a healthy state and have been audited.

Funds are to be spent on developing the Web Site, suggestion from the floor to apply for a Grass Roots Grant. - **Action: Robin Short**

6. Membership secretaries report

There are 25 distributors and 3 reserves. Numbers still good. Stuart offered a many thanks to the distributors for their efforts during the year. Tom Farndale is currently ill and Stuart is to send best wishes on behalf of WEVS.

Membership stands at 690 representing approximately one third of West End residents. There are some subscriptions still outstanding. Stuart will be following up. Again the majority are on the "Old Estate". Will look to recruit more members particularly on the Nursery Green Estate

7. Communications Report

Posters continue to be put on a Monthly basis. WEVS attended both the Summer Fair, and the Ag. and Hort. Show and will do so in 2009.

Web Site. Guy C expressed his disappointment at the Web Site not being up and running despite last years promise. Marc held his hands up and apologised profusely for this and committed to have this in place as soon as possible.

Pete and Yvette have been drafted to help Savitri and have identified a number of options that will hopefully progress the site. Budget (£500) has been put aside for hosting and development of the web site. Requests were made for digital photo's for the prospective site.

8. Election of officers and committee

All committee members stood for re-election and were re-elected. There were no offers for the vacant secretary post which Duncan Peebles will continue to fill as well as his role as Vice Chairman. John Smith also resigned from the Committee. Marc expressed our thanks to John for his support.

9. Review/agree subscriptions

No change (£3, or £1.50 for pensioners).

10.AOB inc questions and issues from members

Councillor Keith Bush (observer) gave a useful update on the following;

- His responsibility within the Borough Council (Build, Sustainability, check what else)
- Flood prevention work in the area

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- HeathScene – Being the main mechanism for providing information to residents.
- Planning, Applications continue to be refused due to the SPA, Council are getting an increase in applications per officer. The new planning regulations will mean that focus will move to enforcement
- Sustainability within the region. West End and Lightwater are, Chobham is not.

Jeff passed comment that the flood alleviation seemed to have improved greatly recently

Comment was passed on the gritting after the recent cold snap, the main road were clear but the side road were quite treacherous. Cllr Bush commented that the priority was the main roads and that it was not always possible given time and salt supplies to grit all the side road.

Mary Adler made a very valid comment that being a NIMBY should not be viewed as a bad thing, this is why the SPA is in existence today.

The meeting ended at 9.00p.m. This was followed by a social event to thank the distributors, members were also invited.