



Annual General Meeting

Held Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 7.30 p.m.
 in the Sports Pavilion

Item		Action
1.	<p>Present: Committee; Pete Jones (Chair), Jeff Llewellyn (Vice Chair and Secretary), Robin Short (Treasurer), Mary Anthony, Marc Bedwell, Judy Douch, Andrew Hopkins, Yvette Jones, Dave Norris, Ravi Raveendran, Ildiko Roth. Members: 21</p> <p>Apologies: Chris Anthony, Anita Benfield, Guy Consterdine, Savitri Kegge, Angela Llewellyn, Jan Smith.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the AGM 17 February 2015: Approved without amendment: Proposed by Judy Douch; seconded by Marc Bedwell. Agreed unanimously.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising: None.</p>	
4.	<p>Chairman's Report: Pete Jones reported on highlights of the past year:</p> <p><u>Membership:</u> Currently the Society has 571 fully paid up members. This number is expected to rise to around 600 by the early summer. There is a declining trend in membership. In 2011 there were 685 members. 35% of West End households are members with membership being lowest on the Nursery Estate.</p> <p><u>Website:</u> The website has been reviewed and updated, All links are working. 2013 saw the number of visits peak at 669/month but this has since dropped off to 549/month in 2015, slightly fewer than in 2014.</p> <p><u>Newsletter:</u> Three editions were produced in the year, 25% are now delivered by email. There has been an increase in the quality and size, the most recent edition reaching 14 pages. More distributors are still needed.</p> <p><u>Tree Group:</u> TPOs have been requested on all valued trees in West End. Temporary TPOs have been granted on the trees on the Dykemore site. A working party to remove ivy from around prominent oak trees was arranged. SHBC will assess TPOs in the developed area by Easter. WEVS has formally complained to SHBC about the poor performance of the Tree Officer (ongoing).</p> <p><u>Village Design Statement (VDS):</u> The Committee producing the VDS is independent of WEVS but is supported by the Society. A draft was submitted to SHBC early in 2015, but they did little with it. The draft we thought was final was returned to us with significant edit to remove all non design-related content and shorten it. This was done and after discussion with SHBC officers a revised draft was submitted in late Autumn. It is anticipated that the final document will be submitted to the SHBC Executive for approval in April or May.</p>	

	<p><u>History Project:</u> This is being undertaken by John Smith with support from WEVS. 3 permanent displays of old West End have been set up, one in the Social Club, one in the Sports Pavilion and one in the Heritage Gallery. There have also been temporary displays during the year at the Village Fete, the Ag and Hort Show on the WEVS stand and at the Community Lunch.</p> <p><u>Planning issues:</u> The year has been dominated by the applications to build 85 houses on land behind Kings Road by the William Lacey Group (WL)(Access only); the application to build 84 houses on land to the North of Beldam Bridge Road by Taylor Wimpey (TW)(Access only) and the application to build 95 houses on land surrounding Malthouse Farm by Southern Heritage Developments Ltd (SH). Very strong opposition was led by the West End Action Group (WEAG) with support from WEVS. The WL application was refused by SHBC but granted on appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. A full application will be submitted later. Similarly, the TW application was refused by SHBC but following the Planning Inspector's allowance of the WL appeal, SHBC approved a second application (access only) by TW. A full application will be submitted later. The SH application has been refused by SHBC but will go to appeal to the Planning Inspector (date to be confirmed).</p> <p>Other planning matters included: the application to build a 60 bed nursing home on the former Dykemore site was approved; A development at 24 -26 Benner Lane has been approved. The Society has opposed an application by Newton's Coaches for an increase in coach movements in Lucas Green Road. The Society opposed a development at Inglenook in Benner Lane.</p> <p><u>Other activities:</u> The Society had stands at both the Village Fete in June and the Ag and Hort Show in September. It donated £600 to 'worthy causes' (Tringham West End Centre); attended the Community Lunch; with Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Parish Council had put a bench on New England Hill; built a short footpath near Windlemere Golf Course and organised the Boxing Day walk in which 85 people participated.</p> <p><u>The year ahead:</u> To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday the Society is organising a village cleaning event on Saturday 5 March at 09.00 at Tringham's Hall as part of the national 'Clean for the Queen' weekend on 4 -6 March. The Society planned to publish and updated and expanded version of the History of West End Book. The VDS should be published in the summer. TPOs should be placed on valued trees. The Society's 2016 project will be unveiled at the Village Fete in June; there will be a stand at the Ag and Hort show in September and another Boxing Day walk. The Chair appealed for news items and articles of interest for publishing in the Newsletter or for placing on the website. He asked for volunteers to join the Committee or to become a Newsletter distributor, but no-one was forthcoming.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Newsletter distributors, Committee, Newsletter and website contributors, Boxing Day walk organisers,</p>	
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	<p>the footpath working party, the VDS group, WEAG and the History project for their hard work over the year. He estimated that overall some 80 – 100 people had been involved. The Chair concluded his report.</p> <p>Under 'questions' Mr John Smith that he was improving the display boards for the history project so that all groups in Bisley and West End could use them to promote their events. He had raised £200 to date from West End, and an article was going in the Parish Magazine next month asking for support.</p> <p>There were no other questions.</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>Robin Short presented the Approved Accounts for 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. Total income was £2004.93. Total expenditure was £2246.52. The opening balance was £2758.17. The closing balance was £2516.58. The Society had therefore made a net loss of £241.59 over the year. The main items of expenditure were Newsletter printing, donations to worthy causes and provision of the bench on New England Hill. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Mr Dave Norris and seconded by Mrs Mary Adler. They were adopted unanimously. A copy will be posted on the website.</p>	
6.	<p>Election of Officers and Committee:</p> <p>The Chair reminded members that the Chair and Vice Chair did not need to be re-elected this year as they were elected for two years last year. The following people were standing for re-election: Treasurer, Robin Short; Membership Secretary, Mary Anthony; Newsletter Editor, Ravi Raveendran; Tree Group co chairs , Yvette Jones and Savitri Kegge; Website manager, Andrew Hopkins; Committee members, Marc Bedwell, Judy Douch, Dave Norris, Ildiko Roth. As there were no other nominees for the committee all could be re-elected for a further year en bloc. Proposed by Ian Allard, seconded by Niaouli Wolf. All elected unanimously.</p>	
7.	<p>Consideration of 'worthy causes'</p> <p>(i) <u>Holy Trinity Church</u>: Jane Valner requested £200 for Holy Trinity Church to provide a smooth top surface and hand rail for a ramp that was being constructed to give wheelchair access to the newly refurbished vestry. All construction work was being done by volunteers so the money was required mostly for materials. Approved unanimously.</p> <p>(ii) <u>West End Old Folks Social Club</u>: Kate Brown (Treasurer) requested £200 to help pay for monthly outings for the Village old folk. The Social club was self financing, mainly through the bazaar, jumble sale and donations but they were now having to dip into their reserves. Approved unanimously</p> <p>(iii) <u>West End Football Club</u>: There being no representative of the club present Jack Kegge spoke on their behalf requesting £200 towards the cost of new balls and training pitch fees. The Chair then asked members whether in view of the absence of a representative the football club should (a) not be given any funding (b) be given £100 or (c) £ 200. A £200 donation was agreed by a majority of</p>	

	members.	
8.	Any other business:	
	Mr Ian Allard drew attention to the amount of litter left on the recreation ground after football matches. He asked that the Society reminded the Parish Council of the Council's responsibility to clear it up, which the Chair agreed to do.	WEVS Chair
9.	The AGM Closed at 8.25 pm.	
	After the AGM there was an interesting talk given by Mr Andrew Moss about the aims and objectives of Gordon's school and its various activities. Responding to questions he said that the intake for 2015 was 108 which was to be increased to 116 this year. The school was currently oversubscribed by 4-5 to 1. The school was seeking funding for a new sports hall and a co-educational Yr 13 house. He noted that Holy Trinity School was now sending about 1/3 of its pupils to Gordon's. The Chair then presented Mr Moss with a small gift as a token of thanks.	
	The meeting closed at 8.45pm.	