



WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY

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West End Village Society Committee meeting, 7.30 p.m. Monday May 11th 2015 at West End Social Club

Item		Action
1.	<p>Apologies for absence: Ildiko Roth, Andrew Hopkins, Marc Bedwell.</p> <p>Present: Pete Jones (Chair), Jeff Llewellyn, Robin Short, Dave Norris, Savitri Kegge, Yvette Jones, Mary Anthony, Ravi Raveendran, Judy Douch.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (9 March 2015): Agreed</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising from the last meeting:</p>	
	<p>a. Bus Consultation: Dave Norris reported that a Consultation Document had been published which proposed a cut for route 34/35 from 4/hr to 3/hr in off peak times excluding evenings and weekends. There would be a roving 'consultation bus' visiting Woking for 2 hours at which the public could comment. The Consultation Document will be put on the WEVS website and on the WEVS stand at the fete.</p> <p>b. Sponsorship: Ravi Raveendran proposed that WEVS should seek donations at the fete for a sponsored project. The donations would then be matched by equal funding from WEVS up to a maximum of £200. The projects would be for the improvement of West End. Ideas for projects could be canvassed at the fete. As a first project it was agreed to seek donations towards a seat on Brentmoor Heath made from felled timber. Ravi Raveendran agreed to make a poster for the fete on the proposed project. He would also contact Surrey Wildlife Trust seeking permission for the seat and its location.</p> <p>c. Past Newsletters. Savitri will continue looking for printed versions of missing past Newsletters. Newsletters 172 -177 need to go on the website. (Post meeting note I have electronic copies of 173 -177 which I will send to Andrew Hopkins)</p> <p>d. VDS: Judy had spoken to Michael Gove and Jenny Rickard at the Community Engagement meeting. She was told that it was not possible to put the VDS to the next Executive meeting and it would now have to wait until the new Executive had been set up following the recent elections. It was not known when the VDS would now go to the (new) Executive.</p> <p>e. Community Engagement meeting: Pete had attended the meeting at Bisley School which was poorly attended. The meeting was split into three discussion groups: Health and schools; housing; community. Most people attended the housing group. It emerged from the health group that consideration was being given to reducing the catchment area</p>	<p>Dave Norris</p> <p>Ravi Raveendran</p> <p>Savitri Kegge Jeff Llewellyn</p>

	for the West End surgery as it could not cope with demand.	
4.	Sub Groups: it was agreed that there should be three committee sub groups: Planning (Dave Norris and Marc Bedwell); Communications (Ravi Raveendran, Mary Anthony, Savitri Kegge, Andrew Hopkins) and the Tree Group lead by Yvette Jones. All sub groups would meet as and when necessary and report back to the main committee accordingly.	
5.	Timing of Reports: It was agreed to hold the web review at the November meeting and the membership review at the same meeting.	
6.	Meeting Schedule: It was agreed to cancel the July Committee meeting as it was not necessary. Arrangements for the Ag and Hort show stand will be made by email; Topics for the next Newsletter should be sent to Ravi Raveendran.	
7.	Treasurer's Report: Robin short reported that there was £1987.45 in the bank after making £600 donations to the worthy causes and including some money for 2015 subscriptions.	
8.	<p>Planning update: (a) In Marc Bedwell's absence Pete Jones reported: (i) Inglenook Barn: Proposed demolition and replacement with a 2 storey 3 bedroom detached house. It was noted that by 11/5 SHBC had received 2 letters in support of the proposal and 3 against. John Smith had sought WEVS support in opposing the development as the barn was 200 years old and was a part of West End's history. He had written to the Planning Dept at SHBC asking that the Barn be listed. (Note post meeting he has been referred back to Historic England by SHBC). Photographs of the barn and plans of the proposed development were circulated. The Committee noted that the barn was in poor condition, that much of it had been replaced with modern materials and that only the bottom brick part was 200 years old. After discussion it was agreed that WEVS would write to SHBC planning Dept asking that the new development should be in keeping with and sympathetic to the immediate surrounding area. Pete Jones undertook to ask John Smith if he was aware of any other old buildings in West End which might be candidates for listing.</p> <p>(ii) Pankhurst Farm: The Committee noted that the application to build 4 detached 2 storey dwellings had been withdrawn.</p> <p>(iii) 14 Bergenia Court: 2 storey side and rear extension. No objection.</p> <p>(iv) 1 Kings Road: Erection of 2 x 2 storey semi-detached dwellings. No objections.</p> <p>(v) 24/26 Benner Lane: Demolition of no.24 and associated outbuildings and reduction of curtilage of no.26: proposed erection of 3 detached dwellings. No objections.</p> <p>(b) Update on large developments. Jeff Llewellyn reported that the two major changes since the last Committee meeting were that (1) SHBC had now published a new 5 year housing target</p>	Marc Bedwell/Pete Jones

	<p>report which demonstrated that they had a supply of land sufficient to meet their housing target for the next 8.5 years. This removed a major plank of the developers' cases for development now. (2) The William Lacey Group had requested that their application be considered by the Secretary of State directly, through the Planning Inspectorate rather than by SHBC. Their grounds were that SHBC had not dealt with the application within the statutory 13 week period or the extension of time agreed. WL's motivation could only be guessed at but presumably they feared that the application would be rejected by SHBC and that they would have a better chance of success through the Planning Inspectorate. If their application to the SoS was successful it was likely that it would take 9 months to a year for it to be considered.</p>	
9.	<p>Next Events: (1) Footpath creation on Saturday 23 May. Pete Jones to co-ordinate, volunteers to help sought. (2) Stand at Village Fete, Saturday June 6th. The theme this year is 'Ye Olde West End Fete'. WEVS will have the customary stand. Mary Anthony to co ordinate, Yvette to help. Savitri to supply table(s). Jeff to confirm with Beulah Kingston whether WEAG wanted a table in the stand: Yvette will do a poster for the Tree Group: Pete to do a poster on the footpath, Marc to do the A3 printing. The football club will assist in erecting the gazebo. John Smith to be asked to do photo display again. Meet at 11.00 to set up; stand must be ready by 12.00.</p>	<p>Pete Jones/Yvette Jones/Mary Anthony/Savitri Kegge/ Marc Bedwell/ Jeff Llewellyn</p>
10.	<p>Police matters: None</p>	
11.	<p>AOB: Yvette requested funding of around £50 from WEVS to buy a billhook for the Tree Group: Agreed: Chris Anthony will purchase it. Pete Jones raised an issue on behalf of Marc Bedwell who referred to a concern of Angela Heath about possible withdrawal of funding for Surrey Wildlife Trust by Surrey Heath BC. It was agreed that this should be put on the Agenda for discussion at the next (September) Committee meeting.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p>	