



West End Village Society Committee meeting 7.30 p.m. Monday 15 May
2017 at West End Social Club

Minutes

Item		Action
1.	<p>Apologies for absence: Savitri Kegge; Dave Norris; Ildiko Roth. Present: Mary Anthony; Marc Bedwell; Judy Douch; Andrew Hopkins; Pete Jones (Chair); Yvette Jones; Jeff Llewellyn; Ravi Raveendran; Robin Short</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (13 March 2017): Approved without amendment.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising: (a) VDS hard drive: Yvette Jones is working on it. (b) Website update following review: Done (c) Financial review; See item 7.</p>	
4.	<p>Project of the year: Ravi Raveendran was congratulated for being awarded the 'West End Citizen of the Year' for his work in organising the bulb planting project. We will collect funds again at the fete on June 3 although £1600 remains for bulbs from last year. Dates for planting in the unplanted areas will be published in the September Newsletter. Judy Douch reported that the West End Surgery Manager is willing to have a collection box in the surgery. She also reported that the Garden Club can supply oxslips to extend the flowering period and add variety. She also suggested that one area could be planted as a wildflower bed (like the roundabout in Lockfield Drive). She will email Ravi Raveendran with suggested plans,</p>	<p>Ravi Raveendran Judy Douch</p>
5.	<p>Membership Drive: An update on membership numbers was circulated by Mary Anthony. Membership has been steadily declining. From a high of 688 in 2011 numbers had dropped to 480 paid up members in 2016 although some subscriptions were still outstanding and the numbers might yet increase a little. There are more pensioner members than in 2011 so income will be less. There are 800 names on the membership list but some have not paid for three years so should be struck off. The reason for the decline is not clear but it could reflect the larger number of properties for rent in the village whose tenants tended not to join the Society. Distributors may not be recruiting new arrivals to the village. It was agreed that there would be a large 'Join Here' sign on the WEVS stall at the fete on June 3 and that copies of the 'Welcome to West End' leaflet would be given to Newsletter Distributors.</p>	<p>Mary Anthony Yvette Jones</p>
6.	<p>Updates: (a) Communications: (i) Newsletter: Production was a little behind schedule. The revised timetable was for proof reading</p>	

	<p>on 17 May to go for printing on 20 May. Distribution prior to the Fete. Judy Douch will provide a 1/3 – ½ page article on the Garden Club seeking to recruit younger members. The timetable for the September Newsletter is;- contributions by 4 August; print 25 August for distribution before the Ag and Hort show on 9 September. Content to include a possible interview with the new Landlord of the Hare and Hounds and an update on the Red Deer on Brentmoor Heath.</p> <p>(b) Planning (i) Large developments; Jeff Llewellyn reported that Taylor Wimpy were applying for approval of reserved matters for their site on land to the North of Beldam Bridge Rd. All the other developments had been approved and work had started on the Shanly Homes and Thakeham homes sites to the South of Kings Rd. Access and storage facilities had been constructed. Martin Grant Homes had purchased the Malthouse Farm site from Southern Heritage Homes and had erected a sign near Holy Trinity School. WEAG with the Parish Council were attending a meeting on 19 May set up by Michael Gove MP with officers from SHBC, SCC and representatives from the developers to co-ordinate work on the four large developments in order to mitigate the adverse impacts on the village.</p> <p>(ii) Smaller developments: Marc Bedwell Reported that there was an application at Pankhurst Lodge for demolition of a bungalow and erection of a 5 bedroom house. There was also an application to demolish 1 and 2 Holly Ridge and erection of 2 four bedroom houses.</p>	<p>Judy Douch</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Treasurer’s Report: (a) Financial Review: It was noted that income had dropped steadily from a high of £1,750.50 in 2011 to £1,107.50 in 2016. Apart from collections by Distributors, most subscriptions were collected at the Fete in June and at Shiv’s Store. Ongoing costs included the History project which was funded at £100/year.</p> <p>(b) Update: There is currently £2,497.63 in the bank which includes £1631.84 for bulb planting. There is £865.79 uncommitted funds from which payment for printing the May and September Newsletters must be made. It is questionable whether there will be sufficient funds for donations to worthy causes in 2017. A decision whether to make any donations to worthy causes in 2017 and if so how much, will be made at the September meeting of the Committee.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>History Book: As there had been no volunteers to edit the History Book, it was decided to put the update/revision on hold for the time being.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>New Footpath: Pete Jones proposed that there should be a new footpath or cycle path by the River Bourne through the new developments south of Kings Road. It might go from the A322 to Beldam Bridge Road, or link to the eastern end of Oldhouse Lane. He would put the idea to the Parish Council (Graham Alleway/ Suzanne Price).</p>	<p>Pete Jones</p>

<p>10.</p>	<p>Next Events: (a) Village Fete 3 June: Pete Jones, Yvette Jones, Judy Douch and Ildiko Roth will not be available to help on the stand. Marc will not be able to help set up the gazebo but will be available to man the stand. Ravi Raveendran and Robin Short are available all day. Mary Anthony will find out from Savitri Kegge what the arrangements are for collecting the Gazebo. John Smith will be asked to do his usual photo display. Mary Anthony will email a schedule for the day. Jeff Llewellyn will ask WEAG if they want a table this year. The VDS poster needs updating as the VDS is now published. Large photographs of the floral displays on the A322 should be given a prominent place on the stand.</p>	<p>Mary Anthony Jeff Llewellyn Ravi Raveendran</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Police Matters: Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Any other business: Ravi Raveendran asked what had become of the saplings that had been bought to replace the Queen's diamond Jubilee ones which had died. Yvette Jones and Judy Douch have some small ones in pots which they are growing on which should be big enough to plant in the autumn. Gordon's school were looking for a community project and may be able to help plant them.</p> <p>Mary Anthony had been asked by two people about organising a litter pick. Mary Anthony will contact them to offer WEVS support and publicity. The litter pick should be done after the Village fete on June 3. WEVS has approximately 10 litter pickers left for sale. Marc Bedwell asked if the donations for the defibrillator at the bowls club had been made. Robin Short reported that all the donations to the Worthy Causes had now been made.</p>	<p>Mary Anthony</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.47 p.m. The next meeting will be in the Social Club on Thursday 7 September at 7.30 p.m. (changed from the previously arranged date of Monday 4 September)</p>	