



West End Village Society Committee meeting 7.30 p.m. Thursday 7
September 2017 at West End Social Club

Minutes

Item		Action
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence: Andrew Hopkins; Marc Bedwell; Savitri Kegge (arriving later); Robin Short.</p> <p>Present: Mary Anthony; Judy Douch; Pete Jones (Chair); Yvette Jones; Jeff Llewellyn; Dave Norris; Ravi Raveendran; Ildiko Roth</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (15 May 2017); Approved without amendment.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising: a. MAD (Gordons): Mary Anthony had previously circulated by email an account of the membership recruitment leaflet drop undertaken by pupils at Gordon's School as part of their 'Make a Difference' day (MAD). On 13 July 15 groups of 4 pupils posted leaflets through the letterboxes of more than 700 homes in West End. As at 31 August this had resulted in 13 new members. The Committee thanked Mary Anthony and Ravi Raveendran as well as the pupils from Gordon's School for their hard work on this activity. Mary has had a subsequent meeting with staff from Gordon's school who asked what their 6 form pupils might do for the Village Society as part of their 20 hours voluntary work in the community. Yvette reported that several Gordon's pupils had helped plant a small wildlife friendly hedge alongside the Hare and Hounds.</p>	
4.	<p>Ag and Hort show: Arrangements for setting up and manning the WEVS stand at the Ag and Hort Show on 9 September were discussed. Mary had drawn up a plan, Ravi Raveendran will pick up the gazebo from Jack Kegge and bring to the site. Ildiko Roth will bring 4 chairs. WEAG was not having a display this year so WEVS will put up a poster about the new developments, plus one about the archaeological findings on the Malthouse Farm site. Yvette Jones will do a poster on trees and Ravi Raveendran a general one about WEVS.</p>	<p>Ravi Raveendran, Yvette Jones, Ildiko Roth</p>
5.	<p>Membership drive: Mary Anthony had circulated a table showing membership numbers in 2015, 2016, and 2017 in May and at the end of each respective year. In December 2015 there were 628 fully paid up members. In December 2016 there were 536 fully paid up members but late subscriptions were still coming in. In 2017 to date there are 393 members but there are still many subscriptions to be collected. Thirteen new members were recruited through the MAD membership drive and 8 new members were recruited at the fete in June.</p>	
6.	<p>Project of the Year: Ravi Raveendran updated the Committee on</p>	

	<p>the Project of the Year (bulb planting). There is just over £1,600 left in the fund for bulb planting this year. Ravi had made 4 grant applications totalling £4,000. Of these two had been unsuccessful (Ravi's employer and Cala Homes), one to SHBC for £2000, the result of which would be announced on 4 October and from Surrey Heath Show Fund. There had been £400 donations. £300 from the Parish Council and £100 from the SCC Grounds Maintenance Contractor. Ravi will be talking to bulb suppliers to obtain quotes. Ildiko Roth tabled a list of bulbs recommended by the British Bee Keeping Association as 'Bee friendly'. The Garden Club would like to plant meadow plants on the triangle of land where the private part of Streets Heath meets Benner Lane and is willing to fund it. It would be advisable to have a wider range of species and later flowering which would naturalise. Ravi requested that additional species be limited to two otherwise ordering became complicated. There was as yet no response from local businesses. Ravi will draft a leaflet for local businesses. Pete Jones will attach a covering letter to developers (Taylor Wimpey, Martin Grant, Shanly Homes and Thakeham Homes) and Michael Gove. Provisional dates for planting sessions (all at weekends) are: 30 Sept/1 Oct, 7/8 Oct. 14/15 Oct/21/22 Oct 28/29 Oct and 4/5 Nov. All sessions will start at 10.00 and will last roughly 3 hours. Mary Anthony will put a notice about the sessions on Facebook; Andrew Hopkins to update the Project of the Year page on the website. Mary Anthony gave her apologies and left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>Ravi Raveendran</p> <p>Pete Jones</p> <p>Mary Anthony Andrew Hopkins</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Updates: a) Communications: Ravi Raveendran apologised that the Autumn Newsletter was late. He had been exceptionally busy and had missed the deadline for the Printer. The Newsletter was still in preparation but should be ready to go to the Printer in 2 weeks. Articles would include Defined Trees, The Ag and Hort Show and Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>(b) Planning: Dave Norris reported that there was the usual raft of applications for house extensions all over the Village. He described the new planning application process termed 'Prior Notification'. It was a shortened form of planning application for extensions that exceeded the limits for permitted development' but were small enough that a full planning application was not needed. He reported that Shanly Homes had now added a further 23 new homes on land behind Kings Road adjacent to their existing site. The standard of design and layout had been criticised by SHBC design advisors. Dave circulated the site map of the development. There were small developments proposed in Willow Green (Eastern end) where number 29 was to be replaced by 2 houses and in Holly Ridge where numbers 1 and 2, a pair of semi-detached houses, were to be replaced with 2 detached houses. The site plans were circulated. Dave Norris then circulated plans for 3 detached houses to be built on the former Windlemere Golf Course facing onto Blackstroud Lane. It is proposed that the rest</p>	

	<p>of the golf course is to become a 15 hectare SANGS with small car park for 16 cars. This was generally welcomed by the Committee. It was noted that the owners of Brook Leisure cane and garden furniture business have put the site up for sale, presumably for housing development, despite the fact that the site is in the flood plain of the River Bourne, has no access from the rear and access directly onto the A322 at a double bend.</p> <p>c) New footpath: Pete Jones had drawn up a proposal for a new footpath from Oldhouse Lane to Fairfield Lane through or behind the new housing developments and providing a 'back entrance' into the Holy Trinity School site. The proposal had been sent to the Parish Council and then to SHBC for consideration.</p>	
8.	<p>Treasurer's report: Treasurer not present but he had said that WEVS has sufficient funds to make £600 donation to 'Worthy Causes' again next year including supporting the History project. It was not clear whether the £600 covered support for the Project of the Year' (£250) or not. A call for bids for worthy causes should be put in the Newsletter and on the Website together with details of where to find application forms, to whom they should be submitted and the deadline for applications.</p>	<p>Ravi Raveendran Andrew Hopkins</p>
9.	<p>Police Matters: There have been 8 burglaries in the last 3 months in West End (4 in Lucas Green Road, Rugosa Road, Commonfields, and Malthouse Lane) There have been incidences of criminal damage at Holy Trinity School and Tringhams Hall. There was a violent sexual assault in Oldhouse Lane.</p>	
10.	<p>A.O.B: (i) It was agreed that Christmas Dinner will be held after Christmas, date tbd.</p> <p>(ii) AGM: set for Tuesday 20 February 2018. (The Sports Pavilion has now been booked). Guy Consterdine has agreed to give a talk on the archaeological findings at Malthouse Farm.</p> <p>(iii) Tree Group: There will be a meeting of the SHBC Tree Wardens Group on 25 September in St John's Church Windlesham, hopefully including Paul Watts, the SHBC Arboriculture Officer.</p> <p>(iv) Ildiko Roth suggested new plantings of snowdrops, Crocus Vernus and Crocus Thomasinnianus for the bulb project. Jeff Llewellyn suggested that the green areas at the end of Commonfields at the junction with Jenner Drive would be a good site for planting.</p> <p>(v) Pete Jones drew attention to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) exhibition at Brookwood Cemetery and tour of the war graves there. Everyday 10.00 to 16.00 until November.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 6 November at 7.30 pm in the Social Club.</p>	