



West End Village Society Committee meeting 7.30 p.m. Monday 9 January  
2017 at West End Social Club

Minutes

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mary Anthony; Ildiko Roth.  <b>Present:</b> Marc Bedwell; Judy Douch; Andrew Hopkins; Savitri Kegge; Pete Jones (Chair); Yvette Jones; Jeff Llewellyn; Dave Norris; Ravi Raveendran; Robin Short</p>	
3.	<p><b>Worthy Causes:</b>            This item was brought forward. The Treasurer confirmed that there were sufficient funds available to make donations totalling £600 this year. The Secretary reported that he had received three applications each for £200. They were:            (1) from Laura Higgins Chair of Tringhams Preschool which was asking for money to purchase room dividers/notice boards for the preschool            (2) from Allen Coyne on behalf of West End Therapeutic Swimmers (WETS) for a contribution to the cost of a lifeguard.            (3) from Patricia Turner on behalf of West End Bowls Club for a contribution to the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Mrs Turner and Mr John Phillips from the Bowls Club made a short presentation to the Committee about the desirability of a having a defibrillator in the bowls clubhouse given the age profile of its membership (150 people mostly over 55, 35% from West End). The AED would be available for public use when the Bowls Club was open, May – September dawn to dusk. It would be the only one in the Village to date. After discussion the Committee decided by 8 votes to 2 to recommend approval of the donation to the AGM.            The Committee then discussed the application from Tringhams Preschool. Jeff Llewellyn explained the background to the Application. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the donation to the AGM.            The Committee then discussed the Application by Allen Coyne from WETS. The Committee had several reservations and instructed Jeff Llewellyn in his capacity as Secretary to ask Mr Coyne the following Questions:            (i) Why was WETS membership restricted to 35? Could more be recruited?            (ii) How many members came from West End            (iii) If WEVS made a donation this year what would happen next year?            (iv) Would it be possible to train a member to be a lifeguard?</p>	<p><b>Jeff Llewellyn</b></p>



	<p>(i) Large developments/WEAG; The appeal by Southern Heritage Homes against SHBC's refusal of their application to build 95 homes on land surrounding Malthouse Farm had been allowed. The result was not unexpected as SHBC Planning Dept had only weakly defended their refusal. The main opposition had come from WEAG. The Inspector acknowledged some of WEAGs objections but had ruled that in accordance with the NPPF the benefits of the development outweighed the disadvantages. Neither SHBC nor the Parish Council would seek a Judicial Review. WEAG did not have the finance to do so, so the development will go ahead. Jeff Llewellyn gave an update on the developments on land behind Kings Road by Shanley Homes (formerly owned by William Lacey) and by Thakenham Homes. SHBC had commissioned design consultants to advise them on the detailed designs for both developments (both have yet to be granted detailed permission). The Consultants were highly critical of the poor standard of house design and the unimaginative layout of both of the proposed developments. There were also issues about the suitability of Kings Road as an access road for both developments and that both developments had only single accesses onto it. Shanley homes have been buying back gardens of houses on the South side of Kings road and were said to be intending to build another 20 homes there.</p> <p>(ii) Smaller developments: Dave Norris reported that the latest planning application for a new house at Inglenook had been withdrawn but the Application Agent had indicated that there had been some discussions with SHBC about resubmitting an amended application. He reported that Windlemere Golf Course had been sold presumably for development and some trees had been cut down. The site was however well within 400 metres of the Brentmoor Heath SPA.</p> <p>(c) Tree Group Savitri Kegge and Yvette Jones are to train as SHBC 'Tree Wardens' and Chris Anthony possibly at a later date.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> There is £3,623.60p in the Current Account of which some £1,600 is 'bulb money' from the bulb planting project. Robin Short had just received a request from John Smith for a payment of £187.78p for History Project expenses.</p>	
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p>AGM Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion. Committee to get there by 7.00pm to set out chairs. The Agenda will be the same as last year's. The Chair's Report will cover all activities (except the Treasurer's Report). Ravi Raveendran will make a separate Report on the bulb planting project. Robin Short will organise wines and soft drinks for the distributors 'thank you' party using the Sports Pavilion glasses. Yvette and Savitri will go to Costco to purchase the nibbles. Jeff Llewellyn will send the Agenda and last year's minutes to Ravi for printing. All members present agreed to stand for re-election to their existing posts this year.</p>	<p><b>Pete Jones</b> <b>Ravi</b> <b>Raveendran</b> <b>Robin Short</b> <b>Yvette</b> <b>Jones</b> <b>Savitri</b> <b>Kegge</b> <b>Jeff</b> <b>Llewellyn</b></p>

	<p>(The Chair and Secretary will also have to be re-elected this year). Pete Jones will check with Mary Anthony and Ildiko Roth (who were not present) that they too wished to stand for re-election. Robin Short undertook to provide Ravi with copies of the accounts for 2015.</p> <p>It was agreed that a speaker from the SHBC recycling team would be sought to talk on recycling after the AGM.</p>	<p><b>Robin Short</b></p> <p><b>Yvette Jones</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Police matters.</b> No report from Alison Worger	
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>(i) History book. The design and format needs to be decided before any estimate of cost can be made. It was not clear what additional material was to be included in the updated book (John Smith's photographs?) and who would provide it. There was a suggestion that a small sub-committee should be formed to take over updating the History Book.</p> <p>(ii) The Summer fete date is likely to be 3 June (tbc) to avoid a clash with Gordon's School fete.</p> <p>(iii) Judy Douch asked if WEVS could help the Garden Club take out the box hedging around the War Memorial. The Parish Council will replace it with <i>Lonicera Nitida</i>. The box hedging needs removing by the end of January and the soil will need improving. Judy will email with dates/times.</p> <p>(iv) Ravi Raveendran had asked the Parish Council whether the WEVS Committee could meet in the small room of the Sports Pavilion for free but had been told no.</p> <p>(v) Pete Jones asked for feedback on the Christmas meal at the Sun in Chobham. The general view was that the meal was not exceptional and it would be worth finding somewhere else next year.</p>	<p><b>Judy Douch</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p>The Next Committee meeting will be on Monday 13 March in the Social Club.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.42 pm.</p>	