



## WEST END VILLAGE SOCIETY

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### West End Village Society Committee meeting, 7.30 p.m. Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 at West End Social Club

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence;</b> Mary Anthony, Savitri Kegge, Andrew Hopkins</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Pete Jones (Chair), Jeff Llewellyn, Ildiko Roth, Judy Douch, Ravi Raveendran, Yvette Jones, Dave Norris, Robin Short, Marc Bedwell.</p>	
2.	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> (12 January 2015): Agreed	
3.	<b>Matters arising from the last meeting:</b> Dave Norris will check to see if he sent the link about the bus cuts consultation to Andy Hopkins	<b>Dave Norris</b>
	WEVS Sponsorship: Ravi produced a list of suggestions for a community project for which WEVS could provide matching funding. It was agreed that this should be put on the Agenda for the next meeting and that Ravi would put an item in the Newsletter	<b>Ravi Raveendram</b>
	Footpath by Golf Club: Pete Jones had met Suzanne Price. Issues raised were (i) the Parish Council needed to do a risk assessment and (ii) insurance liability needed to be resolved before any work could be undertaken. It was suggested that some of the work could be undertaken by WEVS volunteers. The suggested footpath along Lucas Green Road was unlikely to go ahead as it would need to be a bridleway and would therefore be very expensive to construct.	<b>Pete Jones</b>
	Distributors: It was noted that a new distributor was recruited at the AGM and that the Wolfs will do another road.	
	Past Newsletters: Dave had checked who had copies of old Newsletters but there were still some missing (electronic and paper copies). Savitri would check the WEVS hard drive. ( NOTE post meeting: John Smith has deposited Newsletters 1-175 in the Surrey History Centre along with other WEVS photos and documents)	<b>Savitri Kegge</b>
4.	<b>Police Matters:</b> None	
5.	<p><b>AGM (a) review of how meeting went:</b> Judy Douch questioned whether the meeting had followed the correct constitutional procedure. Everyone agreed that the meeting had gone on far too long and that it was not necessary to have so many lengthy reports and presentations. It was regrettable that the Distributor's Party did not start until after 10.00pm by which time some people had gone home. Everyone agreed that Ildiko's and Keith Young's talk on bees was most interesting and entertaining.</p> <p><b>(b) Should we do something different next year?</b> After discussion it was agreed that for the next AGM only the Chair and</p>	

	<p>the Treasurer would present formal reports and that only the Treasurer's Report need be formally proposed and seconded. The Secretary/Vice Chair, Membership Secretary, the Editor, and all sub committees would provide material for inclusion in the Chairman's Report rather than present individual reports. Only the Chair, Vice Chair/Secretary and the Treasurer need be elected individually. All other committee members could be elected en bloc. Henceforth the Membership Secretary and Editor would cease to be Officers of the Society, but would be assigned specific roles and duties as Committee members. A target end time for the formal procedure (no longer than 30 minutes?) should be set to allow plenty of time for discussion under A.o.B, the talk and the Distributors Party.</p> <p><b>(c) Did the worthy causes procedure work?</b> It was agreed that the procedure had worked well.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Review of the Society's aims:</b> The Society's aims and objectives a – i were reviewed. Jeff Llewellyn recalled that they were originally based on model aims and objectives for Civic Societies such as WEVS issued by the Civic Trust at the time the WEVS constitution was drafted. It was agreed that the aims and objectives were still appropriate and that the Society's activities over the year had addressed all of them to various degrees. It was agreed that the aims and objectives should be maintained without change.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Future meeting agendas: (a) should we follow the same format (b) Do we need all reports at all meetings or should we have fuller reports yearly?</b> It was questioned whether we needed to have 6 Committee meetings a year or fewer. The general view was that there was probably no need for a meeting in July. Arrangements for the WEVS stand at the Ag and Hort Show in September could be made by email. We should also make better use of sub groups. These proposals are to be discussed further at the next Committee meeting in May. It was agreed that there was no need for the Membership Secretary to make a formal report at each meeting but should report 'by exception'</p>	<p><b>Mary Anthony</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Major planning issues/WEAG:</b> The Committee noted the continuing links with the WEAG Committee through Jeff Llewellyn, Judy Douch and Dave Norris despite the resignation of Beulah Kingston from the WEVS Committee. WEAG was undoubtedly performing an excellent job in bringing together the Village in opposition to the unacceptable proposals for 270+ new houses. The Committee reaffirmed its strong support for WEAG, but recognised that it was correct that the two organisations should remain separate. WEAG was a 'single issue' group set up by concerned villagers. WEVS was concerned with a broad range of activities for the enrichment of the community, over a much longer timescale. It was important that WEVS retained the respect of the Parish Council and SHBC in particular</p>	

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Sub Groups: Are they working OK? Do we need more?</b> It was agreed that the Communications Group performed a very valuable task but needed a better defined remit. The Group would meet to discuss its role and report back at the May Committee meeting. The Tree Group had been quiet in recent months but should continue to be vigilant particularly in view of the current major planning applications. The Planning Group should be strengthened (Dave Norris to assist Marc) and continued.</p>	<p><b>Ravi Raveendran, Marc Bedwell, Savitri kegge, Andrew Hopkins, Dave Norris</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> (1) Judy Douch reported on lack of progress with the VDS. She had sent an email to Jane Ireland (SHBC) copied to Jenny Rickard and received a reply at the end of February. It was now very unlikely that the VDS would be considered by the SHBC Executive Committee until its June meeting. Judy will write a letter to Michael Gove MP complaining about the unacceptable delay in SHBC accepting the VDS.</p> <p>(2) Ildiko Roth reported that she had received a letter from the Woodland Trust to the effect that it was important that trees should be 'built into' the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be of relevance if the Parish Council decided to go ahead with a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>3) Ravi Raveendran requested contributions for the next Newsletter to be published on 6 May. Copy to Ravi by 10 April please: Pete – Chairman’s letter and footpaths; Judy – VDS and Garden Club; Dave Norris – bus cuts; Ravi interview with Mr J Brown (Newsagent) or John Gosden. Other possible interviews, Beulah (WEAG), Gerry, Inn@ West End. Jeff Llewellyn will do another piece about Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>(4) Robin Short reported that total current funds were £2348.72</p> <p>(5) Pete Jones reported that he had registered to attend the Community Engagement Event for Bisley and West End residents which was to be held at Bisley C of E primary School on Wed 11 March.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.</p>	<p><b>Judy Douch</b></p> <p><b>Ravi Raveendran, Pete Jones, Judy Douch, Dave Norris, Jeff Llewellyn</b></p> <p><b>Pete Jones</b></p>