



Annual General Meeting
 Held Tuesday 17 February 2015
 In Sports Pavilion

Item		Action
1.	<p>Attendees: Committee – Dave Norris, Robin Short, Pete Jones, Yvette Jones, Judy Douch, Ildiko Roth, Jeff Llewellyn, Savitri Kegge, Ravi Ravenndran, Mary Anthony, Andrew Hopkins, Beulah Kingston</p> <p>Apologies: Committee – Marc Bedwell</p> <p>Present: Members 29 and Committee 12</p>	
2.	<p>Agree Minutes of AGM Tuesday 18 February 2014 The minutes were agreed</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising: None</p>	
4.	<p>Chairperson’s Report- Dave Norris Reported as follows: We had 6 committee meetings during the course of the year and we had a change in venue where we are now using the Social Club as they do not charge for the use of the meeting room. The only provision is that we have to buy at least one drink from the bar!</p> <p>We produced three newsletters throughout the year. We have sought numerous contributions from the committee and residents to provide an interesting and informative read to all our members. We are always looking for articles to include, so if you have an interesting story about someone or something in the village, let us know and we will try to include it in a forthcoming issue.</p> <p>We were in attendance once more at the Village Fete in June and the Ag and Hort in September. It is always a great opportunity to meet with WEVS members and to discuss things that are of concern in the village and provide advice on how best we can try and understand and do what we can to resolve these issues.</p> <p>One of the many pressing issues is perhaps the growing pressure to develop the Reserve sites within the village. There are currently three planning applications with Surrey Heath Borough Council for development on these sites. It is not known when these applications will be determined by the Council but it is likely that this will be in the spring. Southern Heritage have also held a public exhibition for development of land at Malthouse Farm, again a Reserve site and no doubt an application will shortly be submitted to Surrey Heath. Additionally an application for a care home on Dykemore in Streets Heath has been submitted to the Council for determination.</p> <p>The West End Action Group has been re-convened to resist actively the proposed development on the Reserve Sites. Beulah and Guy will explain more about the Group and the applications shortly. Whilst supported by WEVS the West End Action Group is independent of the Society.</p> <p>The Village Design Statement is getting closer to adoption by Surrey Heath Borough Council and more information on this will be provided shortly by Judy. When adopted the VDS will play an important role in guiding the design of new development within the village and to protect</p>	

	<p>what we all value as being an important part of the built development of West End. All those that have contributed so far to the production of this statement should take a bow for their persistence and hard work in seeing this document through the process.</p> <p>We held a litter pick in June and regrettably, this was not well attended. We are hoping to keep this event on the agenda and would welcome any suggestions as to what we can do to generate more interest so that it becomes a worthwhile event highlighting the need to keep the village tidy.</p> <p>The Boxing Day walk was held once again last year and was well attended. It has become a firm favourite amongst so many in the village and big thank you must go to Niaouli and Nicholas Wolf who organize the route and make it such an interesting and healthy way to burn off some of those calories put on during the festive season.</p> <p>Lastly, a couple of thank yous. Firstly as ever a big thank you to our newsletter distributors who go out in all weathers to make sure you receive the newsletter. We hope you will stay behind and enjoy the refreshments we have laid on as big thank you for all your efforts. Secondly to John Smith and the West End History Project whose photographs adorn the WEVS stand at the fetes and here tonight and whose work in recording the events of the village over the years always provides much interest to residents.</p>	
5.	<p>Vice Chairperson & Secretary's Report – Beulah Kingston supported by Guy Consterdine Reported as follows: The West End Action Group (WEAG) was re-established following contact with the original WEAG 2009 founders because of the growing threats from developers. The Annual Parish Meeting in April 2014 presented us with a valuable opportunity to increase awareness of the threats from developers and WEAG. The committee and advisers was established and within weeks, a website was created by Diane Doney with advice from Simon Toller. By July, the number of supporters had grown to enable a leaflet drop to 1700 houses calling a public Meeting for 29th July, which was attended by some 250 people inside and outside the pavilion. A big thanks was extended to WEAG volunteers for all their assistance, including the mass leaflet drop and other activities including the achievement of an amazing 1659 signatures against planning applications with SHBC and pending proposals. The Woking Advertiser was also thanked for their continued support. To-date 12 newsletters have been circulated to WEAG supporters.</p> <p>Beulah then handed over to Guy Consterdine who gave a slide presentation with details on each of the planning applications and the planning proposal for Malthouse Farm, thus highlighting the implications for the village of these proposed unsustainable developments. The outstanding response by residents to SHBC and the main reasons for objections The recent publication of the SHBC on the 5 Year Housing & Land Supply 2015-2020 which shows that there is an 8.5 year supply of land without using the West End reserve sites. The presentation closed by asking residents to join WEAG and be kept updated, to be vigilant awaiting the Planning Applications Committee meeting which could be 09 March.</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report – Robin Short - Reported as follows: The closing bank balance is £2,758.01. The opening bank balance was £2769.48 thus there was a small overall deficit for the year. Income from subscriptions was £1693.89 which was slightly more than the average for</p>	

	<p>the previous two years. The main items of expenditure were printing: £685, higher than previous years as the Newsletters had more pages and donations of £800 in total to the four 'worthy causes' agreed at the last AGM (Tringhams Pre School; W E and Bisley Parish Churches; W E Toddler Group; W E History Project £200 each)</p> <p>The Accounts were presented for adoption; Proposed by Robin Hicks Seconded by Guy Consterdine. They were adopted unanimously.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Membership Secretary's Report – Yvette Jones – Reported as follows: Thanks to Distributors for their hard work, very much appreciated by the committee. Thank you to Tom Farndale for many years of support and now unable to deliver.</p> <p>Currently there are 644 paid up members for 2013, 508 to date for 2014 and already 147 paid for 2015, even though we usually don't start collecting subs until the Summer months!</p> <p>We need Distributors for Willow Green, Fellow Green Road, Fellow Green, Boldinghouse Lane, Meadow Way, Holly Bank and Gordon's School as shown on the slide.</p> <p>On the night of the AGM Nicholas Wolf offered to take on Meadow Way and Anneliese Bedwell (via her Mother) to do Gordon's School.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Communications - Pete Jones - reported as follows:</p> <p>The Newsletter has 3 issues each year which includes local information, Topical village matters and village clubs. In 2014 a number of new sections were added including, interviews with residents, kids section and recipes. 25% of Newsletters are now distributed via email.</p> <p>The numbers of visitors to the WEVS website have been on the increase, though in 2013 the numbers peaked out of proportion to the expected with many visitors from South America. The highest number of visitors was in September 2014 with 42% of West End households visiting the site.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>VDS Update – Judy Douch (Chair) Reported as follows:</p> <p>At the pre-submission examination only one comment was received that the document was too long: this resulted in a reduction of the document from 98 pages to 58 – this was deemed acceptable! We then encountered more problems with our next "mentor" at SHBC (the fifth in 5 years!), drafted in to replace an absent colleague, who thought that some items passed as acceptable for inclusion by her colleague were not 'design' and should be removed or amended. Although we accepted some there was a lot of correspondence before a version was eventually agreed and submitted in June 2014 but not acknowledged until July.</p> <p>As Chair of the VDS I thought it only fair to report this in the WEVS Newsletter but I was heavily criticised in certain quarters for naming people in my report. This I felt was undemocratic as I thought that we were still living in a democracy and that there was still press freedom!</p> <p>Eventually, after transition through the Development Control personnel at the Borough Council with no further amendment, the VDS has entered the Executive Committee programme, hopefully to be heard at either the January or February Committee meetings. These two dates have been passed with no sign of a hearing of the VDS. To date no communication has been received from the Borough Council and no reply has been received to my email.</p> <p>I hope that after 6 years of very hard work by a dedicated team and lots of frustrating, exasperating moments, that by the time of the next AGM</p>	

	<p>there will be good news to report. As West End faces a potential 300 more houses being built it is vital that the VDS should be in place. I am not optimistic.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Election of Officers and Committee Dave Norris resigned his position as Chairperson following his full term in office. Pete Jones was elected as Chairperson – Proposed by Angela Astall and Seconded by Ravi Ravenndran. Beulah Kingston resigned as Vice Chair and Secretary from the Committee, in a slight departure to the constitution due to the resignation from the committee of the current vice-chair. Jeff Llewellyn was elected as Vice Chair and Secretary – Proposed by Chris Anthony and Seconded by John Smith. Robin Short was re-elected as Treasurer– Proposed by Chris Anthony and Seconded by Graham Alleway. Yvette Jones resigned as Membership Secretary. Mary Anthony was elected as Membership Secretary – Proposed by Chris Anthony and Seconded by Ildiko Roth. Ravi Raveendran was re-elected as Newsletter Editor – Proposed by Guy Consterdine and Seconded by John Smith.</p> <p>The other Committee Members were re-elected – Yvette Jones, Savitri Kegge, Judy Douch, Marc Bedwell, Dave Norris, Ildiko Roth and Andrew Hopkins (who takes over as Webmaster) – Proposed by Chris Anthony and Seconded by Maureen Young.</p> <p>All Officer and Committee elections were passed unopposed.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Worthy Causes – Proposals for Funding Laurence Cottis, Treasurer of <u>Tringham’s West End Project</u> presented his proposal to the meeting. The format is that of a Day Club providing social, welfare (Red Cross Chiropody and nail care etc.) and meals for many elderly residents (70 to 90+ years) of Chobham, West End and Bisley over two days in West end and 1 day in Bisley. Tringham’s is a registered charity, with 25-30 clients on their register. They rely on funding from the borough council, donations and grants. The borough council has dramatically reduced funding first by 25% and this year by a further 15%. They would like to increase numbers but are limited by space, drivers and transport. They have a reserve but this is being eaten into and they anticipate a further loss in the coming year. The contribution made by clients was explored. There was general discussion and agreement on the importance of camaraderie for and amongst elderly people in their own locality which far outweighs budget considerations which involve creating large faceless centres.</p> <p>The committee had agreed in the absence of other requests for funds that £600 could be donated to this worthy cause this year. This was Proposed by Graham Alleway and Seconded by Jack Kegge.</p> <p>John Smith reported on the <u>West End History Project</u> including related expenditure against his on-going worthy causes grant. Activities during the year included, on-going features in the Parish Magazine, photographic displays in the Sports Pavilion, Social Club, Heritage Gallery in Camberley, WEVS stand Village Fete and the Ag & Hort etc. He advised that many of Mr Wilson’s papers on the history of West End had been deposited at Surrey Heath Museum in addition to local publications including the Parish News and WEVS Newsletters.</p> <p>It was arranged with the P.C.C. to display the 1st World War Album on the contribution by Westenders during the war in Holy Trinity Church from April 2014 to January 2015 and I hope to display it again in the church later this year. A copy of the album has been permanently deposited with Chobham Museum. The memorial collection following the</p>	

	<p>funeral of his colleague Mick Glazier had raised just over £1000 for Macmillan Nurses.</p> <p>John confirmed that Niaouli Wolf continues to record the Parish Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals.</p>	
12.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>A member asked the gathering if they had opinions on aircraft noise as a result of flight path testing in recent times. Discussion took place concerning trial flight paths that had taken place from Heathrow which had effected the village. Ravi reminded the AGM that this matter had previously been covered in a Newsletter article.</p>	
13.	<p>Guest Speakers–Ildiko Roth & Keith Young – Why “Busy Bee”?</p> <p>The meeting was enthralled by an educational and entertaining presentation on the industrious and intriguing world of the honey bee. The bee colony is highly organised, disciplined and cooperates for the greater good of all. Environmental threats and tips for non-beekeepers were also highlighted</p>	

The meeting closed at 9.45pm and was followed by refreshments