

Walton on the Hill Village Forum

Minutes of the Meeting held 25th June 2019.

Present: Grant Webster, Chair
Jane Gandey, Secretary.
Marilyn Ridgewell, Treasurer
George Curry
Andy Parkinson

Cllr. Rachel Turner, Cllr. Rod Ashford, Jean Bye, Ann Liddle, Jan and Roger Collis, Chris Daines, Charles Harvey, Mary Heath, Robin and Gina Parr Davies, Gillian Hein, Lorraine Smith, Eileen Debski, C. Humphries, Dave Crowest, Shirley Gladman, Mary Morley, Heather Bishop, Jackie Scott Kerr, Jane Buttery, Moira Robinson, Jayne Nallen, Neil Palmer, A. Pitsiaeli, M. Giles, D. Wennel, Felicity Sims, Philip Truett, Jayne Guy, Stuart Guy, Bill Darter, Norma Darter, Ethel Armstrong, Mo Atkins, David Atkins, Lisa Lim, Marc Taylor, Dwight Make, Linda Ibbotson, Ron Edwards, Lynn Edwards, Emmeline Moore, Eva Hobday, Jane Davies.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Grant welcomed everyone and especially newcomers.

Apologies were received from Clive Osgood, Deborah Kol, Peter Collett, Lisa Butler, Clive Elcome, Alistair Morten, Edda Harvey, Margaret Laing, Dorian Mathias, Graham Young, Andrew and Sara Brown, John Bishop, Ed Moore and Lin Ferg

2. Approval of Minutes from last Meeting, 26th February 2019.

The Minutes were approved by Marilyn Ridgewell and seconded by Jean Bye.

3. Matters Arising.

No Matters arising.

4. New Business.

a. **Local Antisocial Behaviour.** Maria Ingram the Anti-social Behaviour Specialist for our area and PCSO Chris Wright were in attendance due to an increase in antisocial behaviour locally. They are requesting anyone who is a victim of antisocial behaviour to contact them. Maria has been dealing with antisocial behaviour for 14yrs. The team of 6 is based in Guildford. She informed us that behaviour that has a negative impact on day to day lives is unacceptable. Action can be taken-behaviour orders can be issued (ASBOS) and properties of anyone found guilty of AB can be closed. Anyone with any information is promised total anonymity and will not have to appear in court. She will be the only person with details of anyone wishing to make a statement to help stop the local problem. Civil not criminal problem.

b. **Walton Village Forum – Charity Formation.** Grant and Marilyn had met with Andrew Brown to discuss the possibility of the Forum becoming a registered Charity. St. Peter's has done it and feels it's well worth the extra administration. As we (the Forum) gather momentum in our fundraising it seems the sensible way to go. It means we can approach bigger organisations for sponsorship for various Village Projects. We would be able to set up a Just Giving page for fundraising and would receive an extra 25% from being eligible for Gift Aid on individual donations. A show of hands for those in favour confirmed it a good idea.

c. **Grit and Litter Bins.** The Committee had previously discussed the changing of some of the yellow rubbish and grit bins around the Village with the smarter metal ones and moving the grit bin currently on the corner of Ebbisham Lane to the pond. There was no objection from the floor.

d. **Gun Corner – Fingerpost Sign.** Jean Bye has been communicating with Marcus Slegg looking at the possibility of replacing the signpost on gun corner with a fingerpost similar to the one that was there originally and the one now at the cross roads at Tadworth. Philip Truett asked the question about the no entry signs, they are worn and positioned badly, drivers are still driving the wrong way down that piece of Gun Corner. . Grant is meeting with SCC Jeff Harris tomorrow and will revisit this subject.

e. **Pfizer Money Distribution.** This year Walton received £3000 from Pfizer.

The Committee has awarded £500 to Walton Primary School this is in addition to the recent purchase of litter pickers,

£500 to the Christchurch URC to help them improve the garden to the front of the church.

£250 to the Friends of St. Peters.

£250 to the Open Group towards a Christmas Party for the older residents.

Funds have also been used to pay for materials for painting of the gates into the Village.

If anyone has any further ideas where the Forum can donate money over the coming years please let us know.

f. Forum Awareness Campaign.

The Committee has been looking at ways of spreading the word about the Forum so we can get younger Villages more involved. We are in the process of designing a logo which can be used for our new website and on letterheads and will be designing posters and flyers to distribute around the village to further raise awareness. Grant mentioned that Emmeline Moore would be joining the committee and expressed his thanks to her getting involved.

5. UPDATES

a. Walton May Pageant.

The Pageant was a great success. Lorraine's report is attached.

Congratulations to all involved in the organising and many thanks for the cheque for £1000 presented to Grant at the Forum meeting by Lorraine and Eileen which is our first donation toward the Pavilion @ Howard Close.

b. The Pavilion @ Howard Close. The submission of our planning application to the Council is hopefully just weeks away. Special thanks must go to Ed Moore who has worked tirelessly to get this sorted. We are just finalising the position and access for utility services before we submit. Then we will be fundraising big time!

Samantha Hinton is entering the "Ride 100" cycle on August 4th and has pledged any money she raises to the Pavilion fund. She has done it once before and vowed never to do it again. However, she is giving it one more go, 100 miles!!!! This is a great gesture, a sponsorship form was passed around the meeting but only got as far as one half of those there. An amazing £300 was pledged. PLEASE get in touch with Jane and she will add you to the list if you would like to sponsor Sam. Any amount will be greatly received, £1 - £100 (and beyond)!!?? Sam's target is to raise £1500 for the Pavilion fund.

c. Reports from David and Robert are attached.

Duck food has been given to Walton Primary, Chinthurst and Pistols Kitchen to encourage the children to feed the ducks the correct food instead of bread which we know isn't good for them.

d. Walton Forum Website.

Belltek, a local company has been awarded the job of building the Forum website. We hope to have the new website launched ahead of our next meeting in November. We will then ask all Forum members to register on the website to cover our GDPR obligations. It's exciting times for our Village Forum!

e. Walton Heath Golf Club.

Grant met with the Chairman of the Golf Club last Tuesday 18th June for an update. An EGM had been held and a motion tabled to get clarity from the members for the submission of a planning application. 72% of those who attended the meeting were in favour. We anticipate a planning submission by the end of the summer this year. There is still an enormous amount of work to be done. All information can be found on the Club's website.

6. Questions for Councillors and TWRA.

Claire Smilie questioned the shooting that occurs at night on the Heath. It was though there is and always has been illegal lamping (hunting with bright lights which dazzle the prey). David Atkins from the Common Conservators asked that any information on this should be reported to the police.

Rod Ashford our new Borough Councillor was introduced, he is the new Executive member for Community Partnership.

7. A.O.B.

1. Heathrow Expansion.

At the moment we are under the flightpath, no information is forthcoming yet how this might be affected with the expansion of the airport. Further information regarding public consultation dates to be circulated to Forum members

2. Kosman Sanctuary.

Thanks to Jan Collis of the Kosman Sanctuary for the regular donation toward the upkeep of the defibrillator.

3. VETS.

Jan Collis informed us that there are 10 volunteers so far to registers as a volunteer. Hopefully the scheme will be live by the Autumn but there is still work and training to be carried out.

4. Ann Liddle is collecting names for a petition to hand to Jeff Harris of SCC about the state of the footpath and road in Breech Lane. The path at the top of the lane slopes toward the road and makes it almost impossible for children on scooter/bikes and parent with buggies to walk on the path. At school times it is extremely dangerous as the children walk on the road and there are cars coming and going from the Community Centre.

5. Andy Parkinson has been speaking to the Council about recycling. It is very confusing and a lot of people are not sure what should or should not be recycled! It is thought a separate meeting on the subject, perhaps with the Open Group would be a good idea!

6. Scouts etc. Beavers have restarted, there are now 12 in the pack but cubs are now in need of a leader. Anyone interested, please contact Robin Parr Davies.

7. Planters.

The planters which were put in the middle of the path by the pond have now been removed and sent to Kingswood, leaving Walton with two planters this year. This is due to the increased size of the ward which now covers Lower Kingswood.

8. Children's Play Area.

Until the position of the Pavilion at Howard Close has been confirmed there can be no advance to the plan for the refurbishment of the play area. Felicity Sims raised the prospect of getting a party together to help clean the play area. George and Grant said the Forum could assist in getting people together to help and would discuss with Felicity.

9. Financial Report

There will be a full financial report at our next meeting, which will be held on 12th November at 8.00pm.