

# Walton on the Hill Village Forum.

## Minutes of the Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Present: Grant Webster (Chair)  
Jane Gandey (Secretary)  
Marilyn Ridgewell (Treasurer)  
Lin Ferg.

Cllr. George Curry, Cllr. Rachel Turner, Charles and Edda Harvey, Jean Bye, John Spink, Caroline Walter, Sharri Dance, Graham Young, Andrea Austin, Gill Mclean, Ken Richards, Heather Bishop, Mary Morley, Norma Darter, Mary Cole, Mike and Sue Fountain, Jean and Martin Saul, Jim and Sheila Williams, Neil Palmer, Jackie Brennan, Anne Roche, Philip Truett, Alison and Tim Taylor, Mike Fox, Ethel Armstrong, Sue Ibbotson, Roger and Jan Collis, Ian Cruickshank, Andrea and Mark Dix, Robert Justice, Mike Bawden, John Bishop.

### **1. Welcome and Apologies**

Newcomers were welcomed,

Apologies received from, Clive Osgood, Mo Atkins, Andy Parkinson Robin and Gina Parr Davis, Clive Elcome, Alistair Morten, Vic Broad, Margaret Laing, Jayne Nallen, Lorraine Smith, Ann Liddle, Stella Gritten, Val Griffiths, Gillian Hein.

### **2. Approval of Minutes from 26th June 2018**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved by Charles Harvey and seconded by Ethel Armstrong.

### **3. Howard Close**

The project to replace the pavilion and playground at Howard Close is now underway. George Curry has had a meeting with Peter Jones from the Council. The next step is to confirm the design, size etc of the pavilion. Once this is done we will call a village meeting so everyone can view and discuss. When we all agree the plans can be submitted to the Council for approval.

### **4. Matters Arising and AOB**

#### **a. Pond regeneration**

Robert Justice provided an update regarding progress with works on the pond. July had seen a group of eager villagers including many children dragging the weeds and dead fish from the pond. The Golf Club played a huge part in this, as did the Fire Brigade who came and re-oxygenated the water for us.

Evidently there is a series of 6 ponds which feed the main one. These are on a piece of land owned by Berkeley Homes and should be maintained by them. It seems the Sandlands Road Development is a key part of the problem. Because the natural course of water has been interrupted by rubble and silt, they are all more or less dried up!

The rain water feed in from Sandlands Road and opposite the Spaghetti Tree have now been cleared.

Now we need – water!!!

## **b. Walton in Bloom**

Ethel has now retired as Chair of Walton in Bloom, Jean Bye is taking over. Ethel was presented with a bouquet and thanked for all her hard work over the last 4 years. She will continue to support Jean.

Jean thanked all the neighbours who live on the green and watered the hanging baskets throughout the summer, Paula Bardock, Tony Oliver, Steve and Sue for allowing the use of their taps!! Special thanks to Kay Pierce for all her help and Tony Harte for cutting the grass and replanting of Gun Corner. A true testament to village camaraderie!

A group of thugs vandalised the hanging baskets in the summer but were replaced. Anyone wanting to sponsor a hanging basket for next year can contact Jean at a cost of £15 per basket.

Dena and Terry from Sandlands Road have taken over the planting around the gates at the entrance of the village.

A Christmas tree is promised for the green opposite Gun Corner and the local school is to be asked to decorate it.

George Curry has allocated some money for a hanging basket stand at Howard Close. Raven Housing have offered a hanging basket and Ibbotsons Farriers have offered to make one.

Janet informed us that there had been an excellent response to growing sunflowers in the village. Over 1000 seeds were given out. The exhibition had been a success though numbers down as it was during the Summer Holiday. Mr Samuel from the village school is keen to repeat it next year. Special thanks to Chirag Patel for watering the plants opposite the Post Office.

## **c. Gun Corner**

The Defibrillator is here and as I write these Minutes it is now live!!! Well done Lin. The Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) have now registered it.

To access the defib you need to dial 999 and they will give you a code which will enable entry.

The training will consist of a session by CHT for the whole village at the Riddell Hall or Community Centre. Samantha Hinton and Tim Gerhard have agreed to do 10 training sessions, each for 12 people. Dates to be agreed then we will inform everyone.

Lin is now looking for 10 mentally and physically strong volunteers to become part of a village Emergency Telephone System (VETS). When 999 is dialled these 10 people will automatically be contacted. The first one to respond will attend the emergency. This is an important addition to the defib. It can be strenuous work, volunteers need to be fit. Anyone interested should contact Lin.

## **d. Village Disco**

This year's Village Disco has the theme "W", tickets are available, posters are on all the notice boards. Date is 24<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 – 11.30pm. Tickets are £7, supporting St. Peter's Church. Contact Sally Curry, Emma Gandey or Rowan Kay. (Or Jane)

### **e. Future Dates**

Village/Pond Clearing on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2.00 – 4.00pm. Meet at the pond and bring rakes, wellies, marigolds and perhaps a wheelbarrow or two??

Curzon Cinema is showing the Greatest Showman on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30 at the Riddell Hall in aid of Walton on the Hill Primary School. It's the singalong version!!! £7.00 per adult, £3.50 children.

There is to be a Christmas Tree at the Pond for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. Thanks to David and Valerie Larnar for accommodating this again.

Norma Darter on behalf of the Open Group informed us that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. 10.30 – 13.30, tea, coffee and light lunches, in the Christchurch Hall.

National Tree week 25/11 Jubilee Woods at Tadworth 2.00 – 4.00.

St. Peter's Christmas Market, Riddell Hall, 17<sup>th</sup> November 11.00 – 3.00.

Grant had been to look at the junction at Gun Corner. The no entry signs from the village are not visible enough. They blend into the phone box and/or trees. Grant has spoken to Jeff Harris and will set up a meeting.

Grant is keen to set up a website for Walton Village. It would be great to engage younger people to get involved in village life and the Forum. If anyone knows someone who might be keen to help work with Grant to this up please let him know. It would enable us to reach out to the wider public for help and donations while being a great source of information for village events and other initiatives.

## **5. Financial Report**

Marilyn Ridgewell informed us we started the year with a balance of £10,817.72 in our account. Our main expenditure has been £4608 for the defibrillator, other outgoings were for Gun Corner and flowers.

Income has been £2500 from Pfizer. Our current balance is £8451.72.

With the Pavilion, and pond as projects in the pipeline, it would be great if a fund-raising sub-committee was established, anyone interested in getting involved please contact Grant or Marilyn. Pfizer donate £6000 per year between Walton and Tadworth and the Councillors donate their allocations towards the village.

## **6. Friends of St. Peter's**

Philip informed us that the Co-op have agreed to support St. Peter's for the forthcoming year. The wine tasting event was a great success with about 97 people in attendance.

More "friends" are needed. Forms are available from the Church or Post Office. The A.G.M is in March and another musical event in April to include a Hot Gospel Choir.

Jane mentioned the pallets of rubbish on the forecourt of the Co-op and Grant will arrange to chat to the store manager.

## **7. WHGC Liaison Committee Update**

Grant & Graham met with Dr Alastair Wells and Graham Williams over the summer to build on the relationship between the Forum and the Club. It is important that a relationship with the Golf Club is forged and can only be positive for the village. The club have manpower, machinery and are happy to be involved in helping out in village initiatives where they are able. There is a list of items the Golf Club helps with and they are always open to ideas for more!!

A question was asked about involving children at the Club and Ian Cruikshank confirmed this year alone they have involved the children from Year 6 at Walton Primary to a day with Justin Rose, as well as children being invited to the Masters' Celebrity day!

The Sky Sports Masters Golf Championship was a great success. Grant and Graham were invited lunch with the chairman on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October for the final day of the tournament which they accepted.

The Golf Club recently hosted an open day to present its proposed plans to community leaders and members of the public. The event was well attended. It was made clear that the process is far from over and although there are a mix of views both within the golf club and from members of the public as is to be expected for a project of this nature, there is still a way to go before any conclusions will be reached. All information is available on the Golf Club website.

## **8. Questions for Councillors and TWRA**

- a. Jayne Nallen's planning information will be sent out with the Minutes.
- b. The Councillors' Reports will be sent out with the Minutes.
- c. Rachel answered Edda Harvey's questions on Dean Cottage which has had work going on for 3 years. Too many trees and shrubs have been removed or cut back. There is no planning application for another dwelling.
- d. The Development Management Plan information has been released today. Gillian Hein has been fantastic. She is speaking every day for the next two weeks fighting to keep the Green Belt. L&G's agent – Savills want the land brought out of the Green Belt so they can build houses.
- e. Core Strategy, starts next year. 460 houses per year at the moment but from next year it will be double that.
- f. Hurst Road. Mrs Walters raised concern about the hedges/road in Hurst Road, it obscures the sight line and vehicles approaching making driving dangerous. Evidently it is under the remit of the County Council, Grant said he would mention to Jeff Harris.

**Next meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

*The meeting ended at 9.40pm*