

Walton on the Hill Village Forum.

Minutes of the A.G.M. 26th February 2019

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

Cllr. George Curry, Cllr. Rachel Turner, Charles and Edda Harvey, Heather Bishop, Roger and Jan Collis, Mike Hulme, Shirley Gladman, Jane Buttery, Mary Heath, Caroline Walter, Joan and Cliff Wright, Philip Truett, Nina Englefield, Paul Englefield, Norma Darter, Bill Darter, Jean Saul, Martin Saul, Maggie Bingham, Evelyn Peters, Angela Haigh, Graham Young, Roger Lavington, Kathie Boddy, Dave and Val Larner, Robert Justice, Colin Griffith, Jim Williams, Andrea Dix, Mark Dix, Sandra Fowler, Jane Davies, Rosalind Henderson, Liz Bishop, Mike Bawden, Sally and Brian Hough, Chris Daines, Iain Cruickshank, David Crowest, Ken Richards, Ed Moon, Lorraine Wheeler-Smith, Eileen Debski, Stella Gritten, Robin and Gina Parr Davies, Jean Bye, Gillian Hein, Mike Fox, Ann Liddle, Ethel Armstrong, Marilyn Ridgewell.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Newcomers were welcomed,

Apologies received from, Clive Osgood, David and Mo Atkins, Andy Parkinson, Clive Elcome, Alistair Morten, Jayne Nallen, Moira Robinson, Mary Morley, Liz and Tony Geddes.

2. Annual Report.

Grant read his report for last year – attached.

3. Election of Officers.

All Committee Members were re-elected. Proposed by Charles Harvey and seconded by Ethel Armstrong and a vote was held and the Committee accepted

Chair – Grant Webster, Secretary - Jane Gandey, Treasurer – Marilyn Ridgewell, plus George Curry, Andy Parkinson and Lin Ferg.

4. Financial Report

Marilyn's report is attached.

5. A.O.B.

No A.O.B.

ORDINARY MEETING **MINUTES**

1. Approval of last Minutes – 30th October 2018.

The Minutes had been received by all who attended the previous meeting and were proposed by Lin Ferg and seconded by Marilyn Ridgewell.

2. Proposed Walton Village Pavilion @ Howard Close.

Ed Moore who is heading up the project to replace the current pavilion at Howard Close informed the meeting that a consultation had taken place on the 13th February with details of proposed designs and positions of the new build and now we were ready to move forward. Next step is to complete the searches to confirm drainage and utilities and then a planning application will be submitted to the Council for approval.

Attached are suggested plans.

Thanks must go to Ed for all his time and effort on the project.

3. Matters Arising and AOB.

a. Fund Raising.

The new pavilion is likely to cost a minimum of £40,000.00. Marilyn and Grant are heading a fundraising group to raise funds generally via the Forum and are looking for another volunteer, outside of the Committee who has some previous experience. At the moment the consensus from the committee is that we fund raise for specific projects as it seems to work well.

Charles Harvey and Andrew Brown have approached Walton Heath Golf Club on behalf of the Forum, the club donates a day's golf to a local charity and this year the Forum has been successful! Thanks to Charles and Andrew for this inspired suggestion. The day, September 3rd, will consist of 23 teams of four players paying £380 for a round of golf including bacon butties and a sit-down lunch.

Sponsors of holes and prizes for both a raffle and an auction are needed. PLEASE if you can think of anything or anyone who can help with this point them in the right direction!! This could be a massive start to the Pavilion Project.

Contact Jane Gandey for application forms for the round of golf or lunch only (at a cost of £45). It is a first come first served basis.

b. Mere Pond Regeneration.

David Larnier gave an entertaining and informative presentation on the pond with slides courtesy of Mike Hulme. His notes are attached.

Robert Justice informed the meeting that all gullies backing up to the Rat Pub have now been cleared and all are running freely, thanks must go to George and the Community Payback Team for the help in getting this job done. Water from this run is natural and better for the pond life. However, the pond at the Rat is stagnant and needs to be cleared so that this can run freely downstream.

George had been in touch with Horley Piscatorial Society who are able to help with the removal of unwanted terrapins and other wildlife to enable pond life to return to a more natural state

Robert confirmed that the Withybed residents had contributed £2,000 towards replanting that end of the pond now it has all been cleared. They were thanked for their efforts and generosity. Robert pointed out that help from the Forum may be required to achieve the £3000 target but still had some people to ask.

The heron is back! He was spotted in a puddle at Howard Close the day before!!

Jean Bye was concerned about this replanting as she felt there were other parts of the pond and Walton that could benefit from sprucing up too. Grant suggested she get in

touch with him to discuss. General consensus from members at the meeting was that the work would improve the overall image of the pond.

Many thanks to David, Robert, Caroline and George for all the work they have put into the pond so far!!

c. Walton Pageant

Lorraine's update is attached.

d. Walton Forum Website.

Grant has been in discussion with a website designer to build a website for the Village Forum which would increase our ability to raise awareness of the Forum and the various initiatives it's involved in. We would be able to put out information of Forum Projects and our history. We would also have sections for donations. It would be connected to Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. It would help enormously with communication and hopefully he will have more information by our next meeting in June by which time it may even be close to be up and running. Lorraine asked if it was being put out to tender to which Grant said he'd be looking for one other quote although our requirements were quite specific with respect to wanting a site that could easily be maintained and be used to cover key elements of functionality such as GDPR and the ability to send out information to our Forum members in a much easier way than we are able to do at this point in time.

e. AOB

1. Notice Boards. Jean Bye is to clean up and clear out the notice boards, taking over from Ethel.
2. Ann Liddle is part of Heathcote's patient participation group and encouraged anyone who has any comments or complaint to speak to her. The practice is trying hard to improve.
3. Philip Truett Mentioned a pond in Woking with plastic swans, could this be an idea for Walton???
Wednesday 6th March at 7.30, AGM of the Local History Society is to be held at the Golf Club, Philip is retiring as President of the Society after 21years and will be giving a talk about the Village and the Golf Club.
Wednesday 13th March 8.00pm Friend of St. Peter's AGM.
Wednesday 3rd April 7.30 Musical evening in St. Peters. Tickets £15.00 from Charles Harvey.
4. March 3rd 10.00 and 2.00 Village Clean up meeting at the pond.
5. Curzon Cinema. Marily has been in touch with Curzon Cinemas and they are now advertising on the hub. She has requested more films for children too.
6. Gun Corner. The road signs at gun corner have been cleaned in an effort to highlight the one-way system. Grant and Lin met with Jeff in November and Grant will follow up to see how or if things have progressed.

4. UPDATES

- a. Gun Corner. Is looking lovely. The Defibrillator training dates will be announced as soon as Lin hears back from Tim Gerhard. Another seminar by the Heartbeat Trust is being planned as the one held on 3rd February was a success!
The new idea VETS – voluntary emergency training system now has 11 volunteers at the moment and more are encouraged to join. You need to be fit, and keen!

- b. Walton in Bloom. Jean Bye reported, the blue spruce at Gun Corner planted by Patricia Brookwick of the TWRA is now in situ. A new basket stand made by the Ibbotsons for the corner of Howard Close will be ready by the end of April. Together with Janet Collis and Grow they are now writing a column in the Parish Magazine. Monday 11th March at 10.30 they are planning a clean up of the Dean's Lane area of the Village, all welcome. They will also have a stand at the May Pageant and sunflowers are to be planted again this summer.
- c. WHGC. Grant reported that the Club is now formulating their planning submission. There was nothing to do at this stage but wait to see the application/s when they are submitted. It is likely at this stage that the TWRA will call a public meeting to determine what steps they should take.

5. Questions for Councillors and TWRA

Rachel has had complaints from local Estate Agents about inconsiderate parking by lorries in side roads.

She suggested we might change the Forum meeting night as it coincides with the Tuesday night quiz at the Chequers.

Lower Kingswood had a quiz night and raised £1400 she suggested it was a good fundraising idea. Would probably not go down well with the chequers or Fox and Hound who also hold one?!

Gillian Hein thanked Marilyn Ridgewell and Jayne Nallen their hard work with the TWRA planning and asked for volunteers to take their place as they'd both resigned from the TWRA Planning Committee.

2nd, 3rd, 4th May the Gage is staging Curtain up on Murder at the Riddell Hall.
The date of the next meeting is 25th June at 8.00pm.

The meeting ended at 9.25