



The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 11th June 2015 in Westbury Park United Parish Methodist Church, North View

Present: All Committee members and 17 other members of the Association

Apologies: Marian Liebmann, Roger Tucker, Abigail Shepherd, Carol Marks, Clare Campion-Smith

Draft Minutes

1 Welcome

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Kevin Chidgey welcomed all present and introduced members of the Committee.

2 Community Association Activities and Priorities in 2014/15

Jeff Bishop reported on two recent activities:

(i) A comprehensive local history trail which has been published by the WPCA with the support of grants from our two Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs). It has been distributed locally free of charge, and is proving popular. Copies are available from the Library and local shops. Jeff would be grateful for any feedback from people using the trail leaflet as we have to report back to the NPs. Jeff thanked Cllr. Glenise Morgan for supporting the grant applications.

(ii) The WPCA Traffic Group has been taking part in discussions with Waitrose about safety in the new, larger car park. Members indicated that they still had some concerns about this.

Jeff then asked members to consider two important questions. What would make Westbury Park better in the period up to 2030 and what could make Westbury Park worse?

The exercise generated a considerable number of views on issues and priorities for action from the five separate groupings of members. These will be collated and circulated to Association members and used to guide the work of the Committee.

3 Annual Report

Kevin Chidgey presented a report of the activities of the Association throughout the year.

These included:

- on – going involvement on resident parking including the undertaking of comprehensive street parking surveys
- representation to the Council about the proposed Downs parking scheme
- managing the 2014 Festival and the planning of the 2015 Festival
- commenting on planning applications including the Waitrose application
- the local history trail

- creating a new web-site
- an excellent talk by Dag Pike on his Trans-Atlantic adventures

Kevin received a number of questions and comments from the floor: Sylvia Dodd commented that parking had become more difficult near the Downs: Nigel Seaman asked about recruitment to the Association. Kevin responded that we had tried leafleting at the May Fair, but should perhaps consider a general leaflet drop.

Kevin also noted that succession planning for the Committee was a key issue as two members were standing down. He expressed his grateful thanks to Stephen Noreiko and Judith Sluglett for their years of work for WPCA.

Finally, he requested feedback on the sort of social events that members would enjoy.

3 Financial Report

Stephen Noreiko, Treasurer, presented a statement of accounts. The Association had spent only £300 in the year, and still had £1190 at the bank. At that rate we had enough to carry on for three years. In the long-term there would be a need to raise money.

4 Management Committee Elections

There were no elections as no post was contested.

- Kevin Chidgey will remain as Chairman, though he expressed a wish to stand down in the next year
- Janet Brewer will remain as Secretary
- Stephen Noreiko has resigned as Treasurer.

The Committee is therefore seeking a Treasurer and two new bank signatories. Kevin stressed that new representatives would be very welcome on the Committee.

Sylvia Dodd suggested recruiting representatives from the WI, School Association and other local groups. Kevin agreed that liaison with these groups could be improved.

Design Group Members 2014/15

Jeff Bishop (convenor), Kevin Chidgey, Oliver Kent, Stephen Noreiko, Serena Ralston, Judith Sluglett, Clare Wilks.

Traffic Group Members 2014/15

Ken Clarke (convenor), Janet Brewer, Duncan Laxen, Lionel Hart, Kevin Chidgey, Jeff Bishop

Festival Committee Members 2014/15

Janet Brewer, Kevin Chidgey, Carol Marks, Paul Thomas, Ray Bray, Mildred Miller, Roger Tucker.

Management Committee Members 2014/15

Ray Bray, Janet Brewer, Kevin Chidgey, Stephen Noreiko, Judith Sluglett, Jeff Bishop
