

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 5th July 2016.

1. Those Present: I Bartholomew, R Barber, J Bloomfield, B Wills, M Barber, J Nielsen, K Rotheron, J Thomas, S White, E Thurlow, T Roberts and K Boardley.

2. Apologies: R Belson, K Stockton, H Seeley and I Campbell

3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 7th June 2016: S White proposed and J Bloomfield seconded the motion. This was carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising:

4:1 Observer Matters: The Editor, Jeannie Bloomfield, reported that coloured covers were booked up to Christmas for:- Gardens Weekend; W.I; Community Council; Nutcracker performance. She asked that dark adverts be avoided as they cause paper to stick to the copier rollers. Fred Bloomfield has volunteered to clean the rollers.

4:2 Neighbourhood Watch: Financial cutbacks to policing, and new ways of working, have made it difficult to obtain relevant information for inclusion in The Observer. We are investigating further.

5. Events:

5:1 This Sceptre'd Isle – 25th June: Due to appalling weather conditions, the venue for whole event was moved to the Village Hall. Nonetheless the audience enjoyed an excellent entertainment from Judith Thomas' troupe of performers who, because of the weather and pre-booking of the hall for Referendum election, rehearsed and performed on three different stages over three nights! A profit of about £500 was made. All the children signed a programme for forwarding to The Queen.

5:2 Jumble Sale – 17th September: The Green Room can be used for storage after 4th September. We have helpers for stalls but could definitely use more helpers, and cakes, for refreshments. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Jeannie.

5:3 Mystery Show – 15th October: Creative Arts East are sponsoring this family show, a leading UK festival production of quality. This is a fun and creative event suiting a really wide age range of audience, a great night out for youngsters from 5 to 95 (and beyond!!!). Tickets will still need to be booked in advance so that we know the size of the audience but payment will be 'Pay What You Decide' at the end of the show. It is likely that we will use a 'table and chairs' setting for the audience.

5:4 The Nutcracker – 26th November: This is Judith's next show in the Village Hall. Calvin Goymer is already booked to provide music and most of the costumes are already sourced.

5:5 Christmas Fayre – 4th December: More details to follow.

5:6 John Hubbard: John's offer to bring Country, Western and Folk musicians to the hall was warmly welcomed and dates offered in April 2017 were 7/8, 21/22 or 28/29.

6. Finance Report: The auditor's clean report was welcomed by the committee. We will have no reparation from the bankrupt firm BCR Global Textiles for damage caused to the car park entrance gate. I Bartholomew reported balances on the Community Council account of £2,748.37 and £30,936.02 on the MVH account.

7. Hall Fundraising Group: Cinema screenings are planned for the winter months and the Village Quiz for October.

8. Hall Matters: There were no issues to report from the Accident Book, however, the Chairman had sent a letter to both Parent and Toddler group and Judith's Dance class reminding them of the dangers inherent when stones were scattered around the grassed area. The next work party will be on 5th August.

9. Stage 4 Hall Project: We are close to our target funding for replacing 3 windows with double glazed units, insulating and re-lining ceiling and walls, installing new lighting and heating systems. A provisional date for

closure of the hall to enable work to be carried out is 5th December. The Treasurer has made two further applications for funding.

10. Correspondence: An email has been received from J Stebbing indicating work which Gardens Weekend Committee would like to see tackled before their annual booking.

11. Any Other Business:

11:1 First World War Memorial Batik: This artwork, created by Helen Dougall and senior pupils at Walsham CEVC Primary School, is complete. Discussions took place regarding a suitable occasion for its official unveiling in November in the Memorial Village Hall.

11:2 Community Council Trophy Competitions: Ken Stockton and Rob Barber asked to be relieved of this responsibility.

11:3 Storage of Costumes: It was agreed that purpose built facilities were necessary; we would explore possibilities.

11:4 Abandoned Vehicle in Car Park: We have been in touch with the Council, the owner has been contacted by them and notices to remove it have been posted.

12. Date of next meeting: This will be on **Tuesday 2nd August 2016**, 7.30 at The Six Bells.