

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 2nd August 2016.

- 1. Those Present:** R Barber, B Wills, M Barber, J Nielsen, K Rothern, S White, R Belson, K Stockton, I Campbell

Visitors – M Mansfield, J Clark, Mrs Cooper, P Cooper

- 2. Apologies:** I Bartholomew, J Bloomfield, J Thomas, E Thurlow, T Roberts and K Boardley.

- 3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 5th July 2016:** J Nielsen proposed and S White seconded the motion. This was carried unanimously.

- 4. Matters Arising:**

4:1 Observer Matters: In her absence the Editor, Jeannie Bloomfield, sent in a report on the take-up of coloured covers up until Christmas.

4:2 Neighbourhood Watch: Ken Stockton has been passing on information to J Bloomfield.

4:3 Storage of costumes: It was agreed that storage boxes should be purchased. M Mansfield will look at availability and prices in Macro and J Nielsen will report back on availability in Bury.

4:4 Community Council Trophy Competitions: The Pumpkin Competition – R Barber will talk to Kathy and Gordon to ascertain whether they are happy to host the event as usual.

- 5. Events:**

5:1 Jumble Sale – 17th September: Jumble is definitely needed! We have enough volunteers to (wo)man the Refreshments but need more firm offers for cakes and cheese scones. We need to advertise in the local newspapers as well as around the village.

5:3 Mystery Show – 15th October: We confirmed that we will use a 'table and chairs' setting for the audience. M Barber is in receipt of envelopes for tickets but emphasised that people will still need to book and take tickets before the event so that we know how many seats to set out. We will use the October Observer cover to publicise the event.

5:4 Unveiling of the Memorial Batik: There was much discussion around this event. We confirmed it would be 6.30 for 7.00 at the MVH, refreshments would be available, History Group would be approached about a display linked to the names on the batik, there would be an art display using preparatory drawings and photos, poetry and letters from the Front would be read. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal may wish to set up a stall. Other ideas were put forward and will be followed up in the near future. J Clark volunteered to design and print invitations to be used for the event.

5:5 The Nutcracker – 26th November: More details later.

5:6 Christmas Fayre – 4th December: More details to follow.

5:7 John Hubbard: John is negotiating with a number of performers to ascertain the best date in 2017.

- 6. Finance Report:** I Bartholomew had left copies of Income and Expenditure Accounts for Community Council and the Memorial Village Hall. He reported a balance on the Community Council account of £1,782.40 with a major outlay of £988.22 being our half yearly share of the print-room costs. There is a total of £31,546.92 in the MVH account, of which £30,530.55 is in the Building Fund.

- 7. Hall Fundraising Group:** The Village Quiz is set for Friday, 14th October and Cinema Screenings begin on 16th September with Dad's Army.

- 8. Hall Matters:**

- There were no issues to report from the Accident Book.
- The work party is scheduled for Friday, 5th August. Jean Nielsen, Liz and Joe McCann have volunteered to help decorate the walls below the dado rail. Rob Barber will complete prep work in advance.

- Grass Mowing will be carried out by a volunteer this month.

9. Stage 4 Hall Project: It was confirmed that K Rothern will not take hall bookings from December 5th until early in February. We will endeavour to help regular hirers to find alternative venues during this period. Indicative prices have been received and R Barber proposed that we go ahead and seek final quotations for the work. K Rothern seconded the proposal and it was carried unanimously.

10. Correspondence: None.

11. Any Other Business:

- Mrs Cooper reported that she felt the view from the hall to her bungalow was very stark and she asked whether the Committee would mind if she grew climbing plants on the fence. The Committee were unanimous in agreeing that this would be an improvement.
- B Wills reported that F Bloomfield would be looking after the hall while Keith was on holiday.
- K Stockton raised the issue of the Phone Box and Rob will remind Richard Pratt of his offer to relocate it at the hall.
- S White reported that grass cuttings have been removed from the space near the big gate to the Bowling Green. Bowls Club are proposing to hire a skip for grass cuttings and have it removed at the end of the season.
- M Mansfield spoke about the doors from the main hall to the back rooms. They have had soft closures fixed but pressure causes them to bang. Keith will look into this for us.
- Committee enjoyed the cake provided by Jeannie to celebrate her birthday, expressed their thanks and best wishes and promised not to divulge her age!

12. Date of next meeting: This will be on **Tuesday 6th September 2016**, 7.30 at The Six Bells.