

Draft Minutes of the meeting of Walsham le Willows Community Council Executive Committee on 4th October 2016.

- 1. Those Present:** R Barber, M Barber, J Nielsen, S White, R Belson, K Stockton, J Bloomfield, F Bloomfield, I Bartholomew, R Hubbard, J Hubbard, K Rotheron, I Campbell and K Boardley.
- 2. Apologies:** B Wills, E Thurlow, J Clark, M Mansfield, T Roberts and H Seeley.
- 3. Approval of Draft Minutes for the meeting held on 6th September 2016:** J Nielsen proposed and J Bloomfield seconded the motion. This was carried unanimously.

4. Matters Arising:

4:1 Community Printing Facility: J Bloomfield reported that a meeting had been convened but that T Roberts was unable to attend. There had been difficulties in printing the Hexagon, and later with the Observer. Representatives of CC and PCC had met with Mark Pleasance from Sharp Print. There would be more information from other companies next Thursday, 13th. G Harlow will prepare a spreadsheet with current costs as a basis in order to establish the viability of costs from other providers. No copier contract is yet available. F Bloomfield pointed out that the photocopier needs to be serviced .. apparently there is no record of it being done since we acquired it.

4:2 Observer Matters: The Editor reported that there are six new advertisers this month and that she already has requests for two colour covers for next year.

4:3 Neighbourhood Watch: Ken Stockton has passed on information to J Bloomfield but Paul Leake is now going to take over when he provides information re Speed Watch. The new heading of Walsham Watch was suggested.

4:4 Trophy Competitions: Kathy and Gordon are hosting the Pumpkin Competition as usual. Four members of the Horticultural Committee are in favour of taking over the Hanging Baskets Competition but have not yet had a committee meeting.

4:5 Telephone Kiosk: Rob has spoken to Richard Pratt who is very busy at the moment but hasn't forgotten his promise.

4:6 Response to grass cutting letter in Observer: No further response.

5. Events:

Jumble Sale – 17th September: J Bloomfield reported that this was a very successful event which raised £488.76. It has been proposed that this becomes a yearly event in the Walsham Calendar. All who contributed in any way were thanked for their efforts and congratulated on a job well done.

Mystery Show – 15th October: Maggie confirmed that Posters and flyers have been distributed. We used the October Observer cover to publicise the event. Although it is a 'pay later' event, we still need to use tickets to give us an idea of numbers likely to attend. The company are bringing their own lighting and sound equipment. I Bartholomew requested that MB ask them to provide their own staging too. MB proposed that we have some mystery prizes in the raffle to fit in with the theme of the event.

Cinema – 18th November: Ian Bartholomew informed that the film will be Eddie the Eagle.

Unveiling of the Memorial Batik – 11th November: Ian Bartholomew will write an article for the Observer. The school choir will perform two songs. J Clark will design and print the invitations. H Dougall will invite other artist friends and will mount the display of the children's preparatory work. History Group exhibition has been confirmed. JB will check with Fiona Glover re a Poppy Appeal stall. We need a rota of people to be in the hall during the opening times of 11.00am to 3.00 pm on 12th and 13th – JB will organise this. Refreshments will be Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, cake and biscuits. IB will prepare an 'order of events'.

The Nutcracker – 26th November: M Barber confirmed that posters are being prepared and that we will use one on the cover of the November Observer.

Christmas Fayre – 4th December: Fred Bloomfield is organising this event. Anyone wishing to have a stall should contact Fred on 01359 258596. Community Council confirmed that we will have a stall.

Hall Shut Down – 5th December: Consideration was deferred to elsewhere in the meeting.

April 2017 – John Hubbard’s Musical Offer: April 8th seems a likely date.

Other Performance Dates: Judith Thomas confirmed the dates of 25th March for a Disney Princesses show with her younger performers, and 15th July for a Cabaret Show with the older children and adults from the Concert Party.

6. Finance Report: I Bartholomew reported a balance on the Community Council account of £1,864.15. There is a total of £33,612.43 in the MVH account, of which £31,935.62 is in the Building Fund. He is hopeful of other grants becoming available shortly.

7. Hall Matters: There were no issues to report from the Accident Book. K Rother pointed out a need for the bushes to be cut back near the garden gate entrance to facilitate its use as an emergency exit.

8. Stage 4 Hall Project: We have received two tenders for the building work and two for the electrics and heating. Whereas we had been expecting tenders totalling about £33,000 plus VAT, these have now come in at a much higher total than anticipated. IB confirmed that currently we would have a funding shortfall of £16,000, although he has already made an application for a further £4,000. IB recommended that we defer work until we have sufficient funds available and that we keep an open mind about when this work can be done. This was seconded by K Rother and, as there were no amendments, passed unanimously.

9. Correspondence: None

10. Any Other Business: K Stockton asked that we keep Neighbourhood Watch on the agenda next month. R Belson reported that he had been contacted by Eastern Angles regarding their next touring company visit. It is likely to be between March and June next year. Committee was unanimous that he reply in the affirmative!

11. The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Date of next meeting: This will be on **Tuesday 1st November 2016**, 7.30 at The Six Bells.