

Whorlton Village Community Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 2nd February 2022

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Committee members present	Chris Connolly, Gillian Connolly, Jane Robineau, Frederick Robineau, George Stastny, Ann Foster, Mary Stastny
Volunteers and Visitors	Shirley Smith, Ann Woodward, Neville Dawson

Agenda Item	Person Responsible
1. Apologies from Linda Alderson, Peter and Michele Bigge	
2. Minutes of last meeting Approved	
3. Review Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee mornings will remain on first Saturday of the month. • The spring-clean and clear out happened. 	
4. Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have received an additional grant of £3000 from DCC to cover loss of income due to Covid. • GC has established internet banking. • Just over £12,000 in current account. • Now that interest rates are rising it was decided to return to the question of getting a better return on our Reserve funds. £10,000 will be reinvested (our ringfenced money). GC to search for suitable account with decent interest rates. 	GC
5 Buildings Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Insurance Company had asked for a building survey and based on that they said we were underinsured for rebuilding. Following discussion, it was agreed to raise the premium by a small amount to meet the revised requirement. (Post meeting note: Now Actioned) 	GC
6 Boiler Replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GS has received two estimates for the replacement boiler but the Committee wishes to get two more for further comparison. JR/FR volunteered to look into this and it will be discussed at the next meeting. 	JR & FR
7. AGM Friday 8th April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC wants to encourage more participation in WVCA matters from the village as a whole and sees the AGM as the means to do this. • 14 days-notice will be given for the AGM – on noticeboards, Facebook, Village Website and Flyer. • CC to write an invite/notice for the March edition of The Flyer. 	MS CC
8. Platinum Jubilee Commemoration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC noted that it is not the business of either the WVCA or the PC to decide how the village wishes (or not) to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. Although WVCA will run an event over the Jubilee weekend, any permanent recognition of the event should reflect the opinions of 	

<p>the majority in the village, subject to what is achievable or allowed. A call for proposals/suggestions will be distributed via the Flyer. CC to draft.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some ideas so far include a new large bench outside the Village Hall, a tree, a rose garden, improvements to the Village 'Garden' by the river, a new circular walk subject to negotiation with local landowners. 	<p>CC/MS</p>
<p>9. Water Tap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council have asked for a tap to be fixed to the outside of the Hall for use by people visiting the new graveyard. Noting that the Hall water supply is on a meter, JR suggested that a water butt should be attached to the drainpipes at the back of the Hall and this should provide sufficient water. FR to look at options. All agreed. GS will relay WVCA answer to the WWPC 	<p>FR GS</p>
<p>10. WVCA relationship with The Bridge Inn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC proposed that pub be given the opportunity to sell drinks at WVCA-sponsored events. MS pointed out that the bar has historically been a good source of revenue for the Hall. GS commented that the pub could not help at evening events in any case due to opening hours, but CC pointed out that would be for them to decide. More of an issue would be the amount of space available inside the Hall for setting up a bar. CC suggested that the pub could have a stand at an event on the Green such as Three Inch Fools or other large outside activity. The idea was not accepted by the committee. 	
<p>11. Recent Events:</p> <p>Christmas Tree Lighting– discussion on 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whilst it was recognised that the lighting of the tree was a great way to mark the reopening of the pub, the previous format was missed, such as drinks (for some) at someone's house beforehand and the singing of carols with mulled wine. The rush to the pub meant that the carols did not happen. Further discussion needed for 2022, nearer the time. <p>Coffee Mornings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to go well, some better attended than others, but all are contributing to Hall funds and have been very well received by those attending (£63 surplus for the most recent event). <p>The Great Spring Clean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great turnout achieved the aim – lots of dross thrown out, the rest reorganised. 	
<p>12. Future Events:</p> <p>Pygmalion – Sunday 6th February.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audience numbers were held to 40 for Covid safety reasons and MS reported that 39 had sold by the meeting. (PMN: In total 41 tickets were sold. The agreed fee for this event had been £155 or 50% of the box office (whichever is greater) A surplus of 	

<p>£224 for WVCA was made on the day through ticket sales and refreshments. It was a major success and we look forward to welcoming them back in the future.)</p> <p>Open Gardens Sunday 1st May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note new date. We will provide teas in the Hall. AF will go and ask people if they will open their gardens. GS and MS to do the map. New flowers are ready in the store for marking the gardens. <p>Platinum Jubilee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Now that the format for the Jubilee weekend has been promulgated, the Committee has decided to shift the date to the Sunday to align with the national programme. GC to ask 'Hog Roast Man' if we can change our date to Sunday. If not, we will cancel and organise a Street Party instead with everyone bringing food – A Pot Luck Tea Party. Change of date to be put in the Flyer The Committee are considering replicating the national Competition to make a pudding fit for a Queen on her Platinum Jubilee. If it goes ahead, the Robineaus will judge the Whorlton puddings at the Street Party (then we'll eat them!) <p>Three Inch Fools – 21st June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in hand. The Company are selling the tickets. 	<p>AF GS/MS</p> <p>GC MS</p>
<p>13. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neville Dawson offered to organise art classes in the village hall. He will send CC a proposal. It is hoped to begin the classes in the near future. Ann Woodward will contact The Preservation Jazz Band for Saturday dates in September. Further detail to be discussed in due course. 	<p>ND</p> <p>AW</p>

Date of Next Meeting 8th April 2022 - The AGM + Ordinary Meeting afterwards