

WHORLTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee/Volunteers Meeting on 6th April 2023

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| Prepared by | Mary Stastny |
| Distribution of Minutes | email |
| Committee Members Present | Chris Connolly (Chair), Gillian Connolly (Treasurer), Mary Stastny (Secretary), George Stastny, Joanne Davey, |
| Volunteers and visitors | Roger Foster, Ann Woodward, Anne Young, Mrs Boddy, Michele Bigge Jane Robineau, Frederick Robineau, Ann Foster, Linda Alderson, |

| Agenda Item | Person/Action |
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| <p>1. As first item on the agenda, the following Committee positions were nominated and agreed:</p> <p>Chair Chris Connolly Treasurer Gillian Connolly Secretary Mary Stastny</p> <p>GC will notify the Charity Commission in due course.</p> <p>(Post Meeting Note: Anyone can approach the Chair to be considered as a co-opted Trustee, at any time – there are currently 5 vacancies)</p> | GC |
| 2. Apologies: Peter Bigge, Rodney Dawson, Shirley Smith | |
| 3. Declarations of Interest: George Stastny/Parish Council | |
| 4. Minutes of Last Meeting were approved. | |
| 5. Actions reviewed: CC still to attach soap dispenser, which will be done as part of the coming refurbishment work. All other actions complete or covered in the agenda. | |
| <p>6. Recent financial transactions:</p> <p>Received: DCC £5000 grant for energy efficiency Alternative Fuel Payment - £150 (Scottish Power) £250 from The Flyer – use to be decided Gaslight - £904</p> <p>Significant payments: Replacement stage curtain rail - £570 Three Inch Fools booking fee - £700</p> <p>The new accountant has taken on the audit of our accounts and the Treasurer is now working on a new format for the accounts. This will make it easier to do the audit next year. The charge was £200 for the 2022 audit.</p> | |

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| <p>7. Queen's Tree on the Green: Text has been confirmed for the plaque. GS is getting quotes in and the order will be completed shortly. As soon as it is, a formal planting ceremony will be planned, hopefully with press attendance. This may coincide with the formal presentation of the Hallmark 1 Certificate by Durham Community Action.</p> <p>The Mason will start the refurbishment of the Victoria fountain at the end of April. CC to inform the owner/resident.</p> | <p>GS</p> <p>CC</p> |
| <p>8. Village Hall Maintenance:</p> <p>The new lights have been installed. New windows are being fitted soon by the chosen contractor. The Ladies toilet is now working and was completed in time for the four busy days of Gaslight production.</p> <p>Painting will start at the end of May. Help will be needed from the hall volunteers to take down the curtains and make other preparations. CC will produce a workplan to identify what needs to be done before/after painting. GC will inform the WI and any other potential Hall User of restrictions in Hall use about this time. CC urged everyone to encourage the young people, who will be part of the painting team, by furnishing them with cakes and other treats.</p> | <p>GC</p> <p>CC GC</p> <p>ALL</p> |
| <p>9. Recent Events:</p> <p>CC reported that GQT and Gaslight had both been a great success and he extended his thanks to all those who had helped with the refreshment table at each occasion. He also thanked Mary for organising the two events. It was agreed that GQT might not be repeated for a couple of years, but other forum/expert events could be considered, such as an antiques-themed evening.</p> | |
| <p>10. Future Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Tree Planting Ceremony (date to be decided) • Coffee Mornings are now on the Second Saturday of the month and include a raffle to increase income. • Bad Apple theatre company are coming on 28th April. GC will man the ticket office, CC and JD will run the bar, CC/GC to obtain the necessary stock. CC noted that attendance for this event is currently poor. Everyone is encouraged to attend and seek out other potential customers for what should be an entertaining evening. • A meeting to present the planning options for Hallgarth and Whorlton Hall will be held at 1030 on Saturday 15th April in the Village Hall. • Open Gardens are on Sunday 25th June – someone needs to go round and ask who is taking part???? • Three Inch Fools are coming on Tuesday 27th June. | <p>GS</p> <p>CC/GC/JD</p> <p>CC/GC</p> <p>MS/GS</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GS mentioned the possibility of Ian and Ann Wilkinson doing one of their slide shows about the Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. It could be combined with a pot luck supper. This would be a fund raiser for Hwange. GS to ask them about this idea. (21st October now in the diary) | <p>MS</p> <p>GS</p> |
| <p>11. AOB Ann Young volunteered to help at future events. The offer was warmly received and she has now been added to the official list of volunteers.</p> | |
| <p>12. Date of Next Meeting: CC to promulgate after the meeting, in order to provide sufficient planning time for Open Gardens.</p> <p>Propose: TUESDAY 16 May at 1900.</p> | <p>All</p> |