

WHOLTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting on 13th July 2023 7pm

Prepared by	Roz Blacklock
Distribution of Minutes	Email
Committee Members Present	Gillian Connolly (Treasurer), Mary Stastny (Secretary) George Stastny, Joanne Davey
Volunteers and visitors	Jane and Frederick Robineau, Linda Alderson, Ann Foster, Christine and David Catterson, Shirley Smith, Roz Blacklock, Liz Treadway, Ann Young, Ann Woodward, Michele Bigge, Howard Haughton,

Agenda Item	Person/Action
<p>1. Introduction: MS as Deputy Chair welcomed the meeting and explained the main business was to find a new chairman and recruit more members to the Committee and appoint new people to the key roles, including Treasurer because Gillian will be stepping down in December.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest there were none</p>	
2. Apologies, Peter Bigge and Rod Dawson	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting No copy being at the meeting the approval was deferred until the next meeting.	
4. Matter Arising: These will be checked at the next meeting.	
<p>5. Finances GC stated that funds were in good order. £19,866 in the account. The outgoings on Oil £288 and Water £121 for the quarter (£50 more than previous quarter) to be kept under review.</p>	GC
<p>6. Election of New Chairman, Chris Connolly having stepped down after 3 successful years. MS thanked CC for all he had achieved during his tenure, setting such good foundations for the future. Shirley Smith proposed MS to be chair and it was seconded by Liz Treadway. There being no other nominations MS accepted the position.</p>	
<p>7. The co-opting of new members, the following agreed to become committee members; Jane and Fred Robineau, Liz Treadway and Howard Haughton, Roz Blacklock, David and Christine Catterson. The following agreed to be volunteers: Ann Foster, Ann Young, Ann Woodward, Linda Alderson, Michele Bigge, Shirley Smith, <i>(Although not at the meeting, Chris Connolly will now be a volunteer. Andrew Knox and Rodney Dawson and Margaret have offered to continue to volunteer.)</i></p>	

<p>8. Other elections –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minute Secretary – Roz Blakelock, • David Catterson offered to take on the role of Treasurer once Gillian steps down and they will liase nearer the time • Jane and Fred Robineau offered to take on the role of Hall Managers with support from LT and HH 	<p>RB</p> <p>DC</p> <p>JR & FR</p>
<p>9. Copper Beech – MS Apologised for the Copper Beech tree problems! She had endeavoured to contact Elmbridge, but to no avail. The tree will therefore be replaced in the autumn by a Stastny reared copper beech, to replace the green one and a plaque will be erected as well as part of a planting ceremony.</p> <p>Fountain: GS offered to arrange for a plaque to made and fixed to the newly restored fountain.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>GS</p>
<p>10. Hall</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. JR suggested creation of an online Calendar to enable easier Bookings for Village Hall. GC noted that a hard copy should still be available in the hall. b. The Hall refurb having been completed, Stage curtains need to be rehung; & noticeboards put up: FR, & HH to do. GC & GS offered to help. c. It was decided to leave walls generally free of decoration except for essential notices which would be displayed in rear hallway. Essential notices to include Hallmark accreditation certificate. Decision on whether to include WI Banner to be voted on. d. GS had priced a Standing Projection Screen for Hall use. Costed at £100 on Amazon. FR to investigate price of ceiling mounted screen for comparison. e. FR noted that a Roller blind is needed for high windows in hall and GC asked for a new blind in the kitchen. 	<p>JR</p> <p>FR & HH</p> <p>FR & GS</p> <p>FR</p>
<p>11. Recent events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Open Gardens – v successful. Suggestions for next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier start • More Savoury food for lunch/picnics on the green • More prominent Ticket Office, query gazebo • Paper bracelets or stickers on <u>each</u> visitor to gardens b. The Three Inch Fools deemed to have been a lovely evening. 	
<p>12. Future Events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ian’s Wild Life of South Africa Talk to include Pot Luck Supper/ Cash bar. 7pm start. Half of money raised to go to Ian’s charity. GC commented that it is not legal for a charity to give to a charity so a way will have to be found. b. Country and Western music evening suggested by Chris C for early next year. 	<p>GS</p> <p>CC</p>

c. Xmas event TBD	
13. Social Media JD will be in charge of publicity with the press, facebook page possibly, website and The Flyer	JD
14. Parish Coucil N/A	
15. AOB a. Lucy Hoskins Abrahall of Sledwich kindly provided accommodation to TIF actors so GS will give her some chocolates on WVCA behalf. b. LT suggested a display of old photos of Whorlton would be an interesting and attractive decoration for the hall.	GS

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 14th September 2023 at 7pm