

## WHORLTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Committee Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

<b>Prepared by</b>	Mary Stastny
<b>Committee Members Present</b>	Chris Connolly (Chair), Gillian Connolly (Treasurer), Mary Stastny (Secretary), George Stastny
<b>Volunteers and visitors</b>	Ann Foster, Rod Dawson, Roger Foster, Roz Blakelock, Jane and Frederick Robineau, Ann Young, Michele and Peter Bigge,

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Person/Action</b>
1. Introduction: Main items for discussion will be the Refurbishment and Open Gardens.	
2. <b>Apologies:</b> Jo Davey, Liz Treadway	
3. Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved	
4. Matter Arising: All covered by agenda but the Jubilee Fountain has been restored. Question, what to put on the plaque. Ideas invited.	<b>All</b>
<p><b>5. Finances</b>                      The Fountain restoration has been paid for. Current account has about £5300 but the new windows have to be paid for out of that - £4840 remaining. Money will have to be withdrawn out of the savings account (£5000) leaving approximately £15,000 in our savings.                      The Headlam Morely family kindly gave a donation of £20.                      The Flyer gave the WVCA £250 towards coronation events, but as the village did not hold a specific event, the money will go towards the restoration of the Jubilee fountain and a plaque will be fixed to it to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III – financially a good fit because the works so far cost £300.</p>	<b>GC</b>
<p>6. <b>Refurbishment Works;</b> The Windows are installed and much admired. They can be opened and so used for ventilation.                      Decorators come next week:  <b>10am, Monday 22nd Volunteers required to help with the preparations of the hall.</b>                      CC, GC, GS, MS, FR, JR, RB have volunteered so far. Simple plan so far:                      Stage to be used as the storage area.</p>	

<p>Large notice board will be scrapped – smaller one repositioned by the green room door. Paint arriving next week, there will be a requirement to shift the paint from the pallet into the Hall.</p>	
<p><b>7. Recent events:</b> The last two coffee mornings went well. The Bad Apple Theatre Company event was excellent, but despite being widely advertised the evening was poorly attended. As a result, the WVCA lost around £100 overall. The most likely factor was the timing of the event – Friday of a BH weekend, which should be considered in future bookings for any event.</p>	
<p><b>8. Future Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting about the future of Whorlton Hall/ Hallgarth on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – GS to open the hall for David Coates prior to meeting.</li> <li>• Official Tree Planting ceremony. We have a problem with the tree, it appears not to be a copper beech but a green one. Supplier, Elm Ridge has closed down. Ceremony postponed, indefinitely. If Elm Ridge cannot be contacted then MS will supply another copper beech from Riverside. Planting will have to wait until November 23.</li> <li>• The award of the Hallmark Certificate was going to coincide with the tree planting. CC to find an alternative date. <b>(PMN: CC has proposed a visit by DCA to present the certificate whilst T4C are decorating the Hall)</b></li> <li>• Coffee Morning Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The decorators should be finished by then but it is unlikely that the Hall itself will be cleaned and ready for use. If the weather is fine, the tables will be set up in the playground.</li> <li>• <b>Open Gardens Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1.30 – 5pm</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Set up at 11am – Kitchen open from 1000 for deliveries of cakes etc.</li> <li>b) Parking to be arranged with Keith in field. CC to check with David Coates as well</li> <li>c) More signage to be made re parking and box office.</li> <li>d) Box Office to be in Gazebo outside the village hall so all can see it.</li> <li>e) Punters to be given a sticker each and a map. No one to enter a garden without a sticker,</li> <li>f) Pricing – Entry to gardens £5 – easier for giving change. Under 10s go free. Decided not to give combined ticket for entry and tea. £1 for tea with free refills and £1 per cake</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p><b>GS</b></p> <p><b>MS</b></p> <p><b>CC</b></p> <p><b>RB + LT</b></p> <p><b>GC</b></p> <p><b>CC</b></p> <p><b>FR + MS</b></p> <p><b>CC</b></p> <p><b>GC</b></p>

<p>g) Cakes must be delivered uncut so all the portions are of a similar size. Volunteers asked not to make sandwiches because too many left over last year. Committee members only to make sandwiches. Some punters come at lunch time so some quiches to be made as well.</p> <p>h) Map – to be prepared by MS and GS</p> <p>i) Plant Stand – Lowfield have agreed to come and set one up + a Hanging Basket for the raffle prize – raffle tickets to be sold alongside the Entry Tickets in the box office gazebo.</p> <p>j) CC will write up a roster for jobs on Open Gardens Day.</p> <p>k) CC will write to the Flyer re Open Gardens.</p> <p>l) JR will contact the Mercury for coverage of event – Robineau Garden to be photographed if possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hwange Presentation 21 October. Nearer the event, the WVCA will consider the purchase of a projector screen to facilitate presentations.</li> <li>• Other Events. PB asked if there would be a bonfire this year. CC reviewed the argument over cancelling last year’s event: insufficient volunteers (by a significant margin) to supervise the fire safely; insufficient village interest; poor return for time/investment, in particular the prohibitive cost of insurance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JR</b></p> <p><b>GS + MS</b></p> <p><b>FR</b></p> <p><b>CC</b> <b>CC</b> <b>JR</b></p>
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**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7pm (Short meeting only to confirm Open Garden/TIF arrangements).