



WRA Annual General Meeting

15th February, 2018 @ 7pm, at Worlebury Golf Club

MINUTES

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1	WELCOME The Chairman welcomed everyone and proceeded with the Agenda, a copy of which had been sent via email and a copy was also placed on each of the seats.	
2	MEMBERS PRESENT 38 members & residents were present. The total committee was present, ie... Sean Williamson (SW); Sue Chinnick (SC); John Chapman (JC); Stephen Sands (SS); Lesley Pattenden (LP) and Chris Nelson (CN).	
3	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE ▶ Members – Aileen Todd, Wanda Shapley, Lesley & Keith Taylor, Jaqi Harris & Roz Willis.	
4	CONFIRMATION OF 2017 MINUTES The Draft 2017 AGM Minutes were posted on our website and sent via email; however, as not everyone could access the internet, copies had been brought to the meeting. They were approved “nem con”: there were no “Matters Arising”.	
5	OFFICERS' REPORTS The Chairman's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were in the Newsletter. However, the ▶ <u>Secretary</u> once again appealed for email addresses as there are only 2 Newsletters per year and emails were an easy and quick way to communicate events in between. She mentioned the forms on the table at the back which included helping with the Spring Fayre, Volunteering to become a V.E.T., Future Events, and Standing Order forms for the annual donation. ▶ <u>Treasurer</u> drew our attention to the fact that there was an extra £341 in the bank compared with last year, although he was expecting an invoice of £241 for the VETS scheme. A vote was taken to approve the accounts, which was carried. ▶ <u>Membership Secretary</u> thanked everyone who donated tonight and especially those who had given more than the annual £5.	
6	NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF 2018's COMMITTEE <u>Committee Members:-</u> ○ Chairman, Sean Williamson ○ Treasurer, John Chapman ○ Secretary, Sue Chinnick ○ Membership Secretary, Steve Sands ○ Lesley Pattenden ○ Chris Nelson } As each member of the committee was willing to stand again, Vivien Adlam suggested we nominate them “en block”. Patricia Nelson proposed this and Chris Curnock seconded it. Consequently, the existing committee members were reinstated for 2018. The Chairman mentioned that our Constitution allows for members to join on an ‘ad hoc’ basis if they wish to help with a particular event, attending for just those meetings where their event was to be discussed, and that they would have the full support of the committee to bring their event to fruition.	
7	Donations The Chairman recommended that donations stay at £5 per household p.a. Sally Ling asked if everyone on our hill contributed, to which the answer was ‘no’, although a couple of years ago, following a suggestion from Denis Newbury we did print a letter and hand delivered it to those residents’ who hadn’t paid anything for some time, and that did bring in some donations. Those present were reminded that we are not aiming to have a huge bank balance but do need to cover our regular costs and to maintain the planters. If there was a specific target, as there was when we bought the defibrillator, then we would do more to collect donations from all residents. Vivien Adlam suggested that we insert a ‘slip’ with the next Newsletter to remind people who haven’t paid. Patricia Nelson suggested that if we do something specific then people might be more inclined to pay: this could include any raffles we hold as being for a specific item/event.	SC

8	Q & A SESSION – January Newsletter:- ▶ <u>The Radio Mast</u> – John Williams mentioned that whilst the Radio Mast had been rejected on appeal for being sited outside the Golf Club, behind the bus stop, there were up to 8 alternative sites on the Golf Course and he would not be surprised if Telefonica tried again for one of these. Consequently, he urged people to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. The Chairman thanked John for the update and suggested that people could discuss things with him and/or John Weddell who were both part of the separate group that had investigated the original proposed planning application. ▶ Karen Williams suggested we might think about turning the space by the Golf Club entrance into an official “Village Green”. There are apparently criteria which needs to be satisfied before this can happen; however, it would safeguard this area against future development / mast applications. Someone else suggested it could include a drinking fountain – they are being installed in other areas and appear to be the latest thing. The Chairman asked for volunteers to take the ‘Village Green’ idea forward and Kareen agreed to look into it further. ▶ <u>Beaujolais Nouveau Night</u> – we discussed whether to run it again this year and if so, how to ensure more people attended because we had advertised the date in the August 2017 Newsletter, and as a flyer in the notice board and bus stop; had created a banner on the planter and managed to advertise it in the Mercury ‘Signposts’ section, as well as send an email reminder... so we were not sure what else to do. It was suggested we advertise all our events regularly in The Mercury so people habitually would be looking there. Chris Nelson mentioned that he had run a similar event at a different venue which was well supported and great fun as many people dressed up as characters from TV’s “Allo Allo”. The date was fixed as the 3rd Thursday in November annually, which was the day the wine was released. Chris would be happy to repeat the event in 2018; and we would advertise it as before and send more reminders to encourage people to attend this time. Although people realised that to taste the newest wine was the purpose of the entire evening, they didn’t attend because they didn’t drink alcohol. Chris suggested that to overcome this aspect we could hold a ‘<i>Gourmet Evening</i>’ in a different month, and that was met with enthusiasm. Chris also welcomed any ideas from members for different events, and suggested a ‘<i>Burns Night</i>’ for January 2019, or indeed celebrating St. George, St David and St Patrick days in some way, all of which was met with approval. Lesley mentioned that last year we endeavoured to run one event per month and were successful in that goal, and if we were to repeat it in future years then we needed their ideas. ▶ <u>Barn Dance</u> – After discussion it was agreed that the school was not feasible because of parking problems, the smaller kitchen and the wrong atmosphere. It was decided to retain it at Kewstoke Village Hall and to look into providing transport from Worlebury, eg.1 or 2 mini buses, to ensure more local residents could attend. ▶ <u>Glade Furniture</u> – The Chairman mentioned the vandalism and that we had approached NS Council who can supply wood from the felled trees for a table and 2 benches and that if we used Somerset Wood Recycling Ltd the cost would be £624 (inc.VAT) for the same specification as the ones near the water tower, and to also have them cemented in. Discussion included: ○ the high cost and therefore telling people their donations/ raffles etc would be used for this specific purpose, ○ the disadvantage of them being immovable, ○ putting the furniture in the Hill Fort area which was more open than the secluded Glade and may therefore reduce vandalism – this was discounted until after the result of the archaeological report by NS Council, ○ whether residents had redundant garden furniture that could be used at no cost to WRA; however, be aware that whilst people are free to donate them, they could be as easily vandalised as the current ones, ○ whether the furniture could be made from reconstituted plastic that was difficult to vandalise and burn. Nothing specific was agreed, although the committee liked the final idea. ▶ <u>VETS</u> – The Chairman reminded people about the scheme and the Secretary mentioned we can have 2 more people without paying anymore for the service and to complete the forms at the back if anyone wished to volunteer.	KW CN/SC CN
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	Q & A SESSION – January Newsletter continued... ▸ <u>Spring Fayre</u> – The date was confirmed at Saturday 28th April at the school and the Secretary asked for help with baking cakes and serving on the refreshment stall, as well as suggesting which stalls they'd like to see there and again mentioned the forms at the back.	
9	ANNOUNCEMENTS – ▸ <u>Neighbourhood Watch Social Evening</u> – The Chairman introduced Jane Sands who informed the meeting that their social evening was expected to take place on one of four dates: 10th, 11th, 17th or 18th April. They hope to hold it in the Golf Club restaurant with the solid divider wall across to reduce the noise of last year. They are awaiting confirmation from their speaker who will talk about Weston College and its expansion in our town. Jane assured everyone that once details were finalised every house would receive a flyer as before.	
	Business ended at approx. 7.55pm	
	SPEAKER The Chairman introduced Mr Peter Bale of the SS Great Britain who regaled us with the history of the ship and some of its passengers, including exciting future plans for the museum, following which there was spontaneous applause from the residents. Chris Nelson gave a Vote of Thanks to him on behalf of the WRA for such an informative talk, and hoped some residents would take up Peter's request to volunteer on the ship, before asking the residents to show their appreciation once more.	

Date Minutes Agreed : **Signed by:**

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ADDENDUM

Concerning the Chairman's Report in the January Newsletter thanking everyone who's played a part in keeping our Association up and running, we notice that an error occurred and was not picked up at the proof reading stage.

Consequently, we wish to apologise to Julie Denny who regularly updates our Facebook page with our activities and associated local information, especially as we are very grateful for her time and expertise.

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