

West Hagbourne Village Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 19th February 2018.

Present: Val Walton (Chair), Ian Leishman (Vice-chair), June Little (Treasurer), Margaret Leishman (Secretary), Pierre Aller, Steve Carr, Eva Pinkava, Betty Kendrick, Rob Rickard and Emma Rickard.

Val opened the meeting by welcoming those who were present and thanked them all for coming.

Apologies: Bridget Pickup, Hazel Rack and Rob Griffiths.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: dated 11th September 2017 were read and approved.

Matters arising:

Marquees & Equipment – the committee decided that the hire charges would increase with immediate effect as follows:

Hire of a marquee (large or small) - £50.00	Deposit - £75.00
Hire of tables and/or chairs (any quantity) - £50.00	Deposit - £75.00

As the use of the marquees and equipment is intended primarily for those living within the Parish of West Hagbourne, so it was also decided that a village sponsor, who can vouch for its safe-keeping, will be required if the hirer lives outside the Parish. Margaret will put a notice, advertising the new rates and conditions, in the next newsletter.

The hire agreement form will need to be altered – Rob G.

Madge Trophy, Sep'17 – the trophy has been engraved with the names of last year's winners and duly awarded.

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Sep '17 – as previously discussed at the AGM, all agreed that this was a huge success with £1033-77 being raised. The decision was made to hold this event again in September. Mr & Mrs Allen of York Farm will need to be consulted.

Autumn Walk, Oct'17 – June and Val led this enjoyable and well-attended event.

St. Andrew's Christmas tree festival, Dec'17 - Margaret, Ian and Bridget decorated the tree using a variety of bought and home-made decorations following a 'Holly & the Ivy' theme. The committee will decide whether or not to take part in this event next Christmas, later in the year.

Noticeboard, Foxglove Lane – following on from previous discussions, the committee all agreed that there is a need for a third village noticeboard, which could be sited at the entrance to Foxglove Lane. The lane lies within a prominent area, which would help to inform those who live nearby, as well as the many walkers who pass by. It was decided to approach the Parish Council again to request funding for a modest amount of £250.00, which would buy a board, posts and concrete. Margaret will email the Clerk of the Parish Council in order for this request to be put on the agenda at a parish council meeting, before that however, Margaret and Ian will visit Tim Napper at Grove Manor Farm to seek his permission to site a board on the verge near Grove Terrace, as it is thought he may be the owner of the lane.

Matters arising from the AGM, Nov'17:

New Year's village walk, Jan '18 – This was very well attended, with 13 walkers taking part.

WHVA Constitution amendments – the decision to amend parts of the constitution, to bring them up-to-date, was taken at the AGM (see draft minutes). Margaret has circulated a copy of the amended document to all members of the committee.

Treasurer's Report – June reported that there was a typing error on the draft AGM minutes, which incorrectly stated that the balance of the Association's account as at 13th Nov '17 was £1,1279.87. This should read, £1,279.87. Margaret will amend this error. June also reported that the balance currently stands at £1,254.87, which includes the deduction of the £25.00 fee for the Christmas tree festival.

Future Events:

St George's Day Events, April '18 – the committee decided to extend the scope for this year's displays by combining St George with the dragon theme. The 2 display weeks will begin on Saturday 7th April, and end on Monday 23rd April. We will hold the afternoon teas event at Chapel Hayes on Sunday 22nd, when the winners of the displays as well as the Madge Trophy will be announced and the spring walk can take place.

Other arrangements so far, are:

Advertisement flyers will be circulated to every household by 20th March. Margaret will print these off and distribute them to:

Val – Manor Close

Steve – Foxglove Lane

June – York Rd.

Rob & Emma – Main St.

Teas will start at 2:30 and finish at 4:30 (large marquee needed).

Rob and Emma will lead the walk (finish at Chapel Hayes).

Margaret will advertise the event in the village newsletter and Parish magazine (April editions).

Margaret will ask Linda Benton if she would like to judge the displays and front gardens.

Margaret will ask Malcolm Brownsword if he will take photos, etc. (confirmed).

A.O.B. – Bridget has requested the hire of a marquee on behalf of the Styleacre charity for a fund-raising event to be held during the summer. The committee agreed to her request.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 26th March 2018 by kind invitation of Betty.

Many thanks to Val for her hospitality.