West Hagbourne Village Association

Minutes of meeting held on 18 February 2019

Present: Val Walton (Chair), Ian Leishman (Vice-Chair), June little (Treasurer), Bridget Pickup, Rob Griffiths, Hazel Rack, Emma Rickard, Rob Rickard (minutes).

Apologies: Margaret Leishman (Secretary), Betty Kendrick, Eva Pinkava

Val opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Minutes of previous meeting: dated 16 July 2018 were approved as an accurate account.

Matters arising:

Footpath closure between West Hagbourne and Didcot, from just North of York Road. The meeting understood that the footpath will now be closed for two years to allow work to be complete South of Bloor Homes. This will have a negative impact on West Hagbourne residents being able to safely walk in to Didcot. **Action – Bridget to raise the matter with West Hagbourne PC**

Matters arising from AGM dated 12 November 2018:

St Andrews Church Christmas Tree Festival – June removed all the Christmas tree decorations from the WHVA tree and has them stored.

Winter/New Year walk – a walk took place with a small group of walkers taking part, this was fully reported in the West Hagbourne news.

Village Carol Singing – this took place prior to Christmas on 16 December and raised around £200 which has been gifted to Crisis UK. A huge thank you to Margaret for reviving and organising the carol singing. Again, this was fully reported in West Hagbourne news.

Treasurers Report: June reported that there had been no movement on the account since the AGM and the balance remained as £1347.17. June has arranged for Ian Thompson to audit the accounts in March 2019.

Future Events:

St George's Day events –The theme will be St George and/or the Dragon. It was agreed that the annual St George's Day teas will take place as normal. The teas will take place between 14.30 and 16.30 hours on Sunday 28th April 2019. Rob and Hazel offered their garden as the venue

The following actions were agreed:

Friday 26/04/2019, 16.00 hrs. the marquee and tables & chairs will be moved to Rob and Hazel's garden. Rob G and Rob R to co-ordinate people to do this.

Saturday 27/04/2019, 10.00 hrs. Marquee to be set up and tables etc organised. Rob and Rob to co-ordinate people to do this.

Table cloths to be collected from Betty Kendrick; Val to complete

Urns to be arranged; Ian to arrange

Tea & Coffee, soft drinks etc; June to arrange

Mugs to be provided; all members of WHVA

Cakes to be baked; all members of WHVA plus other contributions to be sought

Flyer to be produced: Rob R to organise proof for Val to agree and sign off. Flyer to be sent for printing in WH news by Rob R.

Flyers to be printed: Rob G to arrange 120 flyers to be printed and to be paid for from WHVA funds.

Flyers to be distributed and posters displayed before 1 April;

Judge Val has asked Shirley Rouse (Chair of U3A) to judge the dragon/St.Georges.She is delighted to do this. Date to be arranged.

Madge Trophy: The Madge trophy competition will go ahead in May. Action: A judge will be arranged by a member of the committee

Summer Family event: After a great deal of discussion it was agreed that this event would be put on ice and deferred to future years.

Village Summer Walk: Sheila Taylor had previously volunteered to lead a summer walk which focussed on village history. The WHVA agreed that this would be an interesting and, probably, popular walk. Action: Val to make contact with Sheila to explore this further, possibly to take place in July.

AOB:

The WHVA wished to note Betty's birthday on 22 February and to wish her a wonderful and happy 90Th birthday. A card and plant will be sent from the committee.

Best wishes were sent from all at the meeting to Margaret, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Val was thanked for her hospitality and hosting of this evening's meeting.

Date of next meeting: next meeting will take place at 19.30 hrs on 3 June 2019 at Bridget's home, 12 Manor Close.