

West Hagbourne Village Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd June 2019.

Present: Val Walton (Chair), Ian Leishman (Vice-chair), June Little (Treasurer), Margaret Leishman (Sec), Betty Kendrick, Pierre Aller, Emma & Rob Rickard, Rob Griffiths, Bridget Pickup, Julie Freeland.

Apologies: Eva Pinkava, Hazel Rack.

Val opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present, with a special welcome to Julie who has recently joined the committee.

Minutes of previous meeting: dated 18th Feb, 2019 were read and approved. Thank you to Rob R for standing in as secretary during the last meeting and producing the minutes.

Matters arising: St George's Day events: all agreed that the events were again well supported with a total of 18 displays around the village and a good turnout for the teas at Woodleys, despite the cool weather. A number of visitors were seen walking round the village spotting dragons, etc. which shows that it remains a popular event. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the walk due to a shortage of helpers. Val proposed that she should send a thank you card to Val & Malcolm Brownsword for their contributions and support. Our judge this year was Shirley Rouse, who has been given a garden voucher for £10.00.

The winning displays were as follows: 1st - 5 Manor Close, 2nd – Blissets, Children's Prize - Little Acorns Nursery.

A report of the events will appear in the June newsletter.

Madge Trophy: the judging of the competition took place on 16th May. Our judge, Pam Evans, has been bought a plant of her choice as a thank you. The winning garden was 10, Manor Close, with highly commended going to 1, Main St. and Tall Trees, Foxglove Lane. Thank you to Rob G for organising the engraving of the trophy so promptly. A report will appear in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's report: June reported that last year's accounts have now been audited by Ian Thompson. The Association's balance at present is £1316.22. Copies of the report and audited accounts are held in the file.

Future Events: Village History Walk – Sunday 7th July 2019. Sheila Taylor will be leading the walk, which starts at 2pm from The Square. After touring the village we will walk over to St Andrew's church where Sheila will finish her talk. Margaret will contact the PCC to ask if they are happy for us to do this, and also if we could use of the kitchen facilities for making tea (now confirmed). We will need tea-making supplies as well as cakes to take over to East Hagbourne.

Macmillan coffee morning- the date of Saturday 21st September was agreed providing that Richard and Mary Allen at York Farm are able to accommodate us on that day (now confirmed). Val will send away to obtain the necessary information, etc. from Macmillan. Final arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting.

Autumn village walk- to be arranged at the next meeting.

AOB: Marion Judd has given June a copy of the recording (VHS), of the East & West Hagbourne Queen's jubilee celebrations that took place in 1977. Margaret will store this with the files for the time being.

The subject of the closed footpath into Didcot was again discussed. Betty will contact our district councillor, Jane Murphy regarding this issue.

The marquees are in need of repair. Rob G will look into the matter and also purchase some more elastic ties to replace those that are perished. There is only one booking for marquee hire so far this summer, at the end of June.

Date of next meeting: Monday 29th July, 2019 – 7:30pm at Betty's house, Driftway, York Road.

Many thanks to Bridget for her hospitality.

Val wishes to express her thanks to the committee for the card and gift she received on her special birthday.