



Meeting Minutes

Held at:	Devil's Kneading Trough			Date:	Wednesday 26 th October 2005			
Present:	Ann Sutherland	Chair	Mike Copland	Janet Hullett	Richard Boden	(until 7 pm)	Delia Copland	Barry Hullett
	Tatiana Cant		Ann Cryer	John Morris	John Claydon		Dave Dubber	Chris Pound
	Ian Cooling			Nicola Warren				
Apologies:	Jo Bond		Jeannette Henderson	Francis Huntington	Mary Hemsley		Jeff Higgins	Jenny Lye

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Election of officers

Nicola reported that she had received only one proposal, which was from Mary Hemsley to keep the current committee. John Claydon said that he might not have the time to properly devote to WBA, but agreed to be vice chair for another year. There being no other proposals, the current committee remains in place.

3. Website

Chris Pound said that he had had a meeting with John Hodder about what funding might be made available and how it could be used together with the Parish Council to create website for the community. It appears that there is initial funding to create a website, but nothing ongoing. Chris suggested that it might be possible for WBA to finance the updating costs. Tatiana's view was that the elements for a community, Parish council and WBA were already in place. Mike Copland raised the issue of updating, and Tatiana said that she was not aware that the WBA pages were not up to date. (she then had to leave the meeting owing to a prior engagement).

There followed a general discussion about funding, updating, and the principle of creating a WBA separate from the village site. Finally Chris proposed and Ian seconded that in principle we have independent website with links to appropriate sites with details that members can update themselves (voting: 13 for; 1 abstention). Chris agreed to present a framework at the next meeting.

Action

Chris Pound

4. Business Wyse Update

John Claydon reported that all was going very well thanks to Janet and Delia's help. The Autumn edition was due out on Thursday 27th October. The Winter edition would be out 10 days before the Street Party and would include the history of the Street Party. Ann agreed to produce some colour illustrations. There would also be an updated list of members, which Nicola will send to Delia. John said that he was concerned about the costs, which were now £120 per issue. It was agreed that from next year we would charge a nominal fee – e.g. £10 per ad/advertorial for a print run of 1,500 with an additional charge for extra copies. Ann mentioned that Luckley house wanted some.

Ann Sutherland
Nicola Warren

5. Christmas Lights and Street Party – Friday 2nd December

Barry Hullett firstly announced that they would be putting on a concert in Wye village hall in aid of the hospice on **Thursday 1st December** and urged everyone to support this event.

Ann said that there had been some legal issues which might have required the official switching on of the lights, but she had sorted things out with ABC at the last minute. However, next year we might have to review the whole organization because of escalating costs and would need to look at any grants available.

Help is needed to put up the lights on Sunday 27th November from 9 a.m. There will be two

All volunteers



teams – one at the Church end and one putting the lights on the tree. **Also we need one more person with a ladder.**

The stalls and events so far organized:

WI - soup; Amnesty; Footpath Society; Brook School; Brownies - Gingerbread; Barry playing Banjo; Mary Hemsley and Angela Cryer - Barbeque; Ann - Mulled Wine; Nicola – Bottles; John Morris - bowling for joint of bacon; Jeannette – tombola; Wooden Spoon; John M - Doorkey stall. The children's slide and "cups" roundabout will be in the usual place.

Robert Earll is running the raffle and needs a largish prize donation.

More volunteers are needed to run: Big Teddy competition; Number of programmes; electronic buzz game; play your cards right.

John C is to look after the police and St John's etc. Volunteer needed to meet and greet the mayor. Simon Webster has agreed to be father Christmas.

Hallets have donated £25.

Ann suggested that we could ask for the choir to come out of the church and process into the street at the start of the party.

6. Tourist signs payment

Richard has received the invoice for Tourist signs from KCC for £1969, and VAT is not included. Their original quote was for £1969 + VAT. It was agreed that Ann would proceed to put the payment together. WBA is putting in £600; Co-op £200; Shepherd Neame £200 and KCC is contributing £500, and Ann will now ask the Parish Council for £600. This gives us £131 towards the next sign. Richard thought it would be good to have a final push to get the £1000 needed for the sign from Ashford.

7. Any Other Business

Law and disorder: Ann attended the latest meeting. She said that PC Matthew King had been replaced as community police officer by Alison Barney, so the village is well covered. Liz Lovatt had been ill, but two other wardens were standing in.

Membership: Nicola reported that there was still a number of members who had not paid their current fees. Ian Cooling agreed to help chase up payments.

Fireworks: Ann reminded the meeting that we had agreed to give £100 to the students towards the bonfire night fireworks.

Wye guide: John Claydon pointed out that the publishers of the Wye Guide were only concerned with making a profit and it could be to the detriment of other businesses in the village and that advertising was quite expensive. Ann agreed to write to Adrian Westwood to say that WBA is **not** associated with the Wye Guide.

Refreshments: Everyone thanked Dave for providing the delicious refreshments .

The meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

Next Meeting : WEDNESDAY 23rd November. 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. and then 18th January (for a 5 minute meeting, then social) at the Devil's Kneading Trough.

Action

Anyone with a ladder

Any members

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Ian Cooling