



Wookey Hole Residents' Forum

Committee Meeting, Wookey Hole Club Tuesday 22ND September, 7.30pm

In attendance: Hugh Talbott (*Chair*), Nicky Amos, Julia Scarth, Louise Burton, Mary Gaunt **Observers:-** Councillor David Ball, Councillor Ed Danson ,

Apologies:- John Grange, Christopher Blackford, Gary Amos, Jenny Lewis

1. Minutes of the committee meeting **26th May 2015** were agreed and signed with one amendment, by the Chair.
2. **Matters Arising.**
 - a. New District Councillor, Mike Pullin, wishes to attend a WHRF meeting but is currently away. It was noted that Mr Pullin is involved in the cheese business and keeps his cheese in WH caves, so has some knowledge of the village already.
 - b. After discussion, it was agreed that formal **Terms of Reference** are not required for the current sub-committees: it has previously been agreed that bureaucracy should be kept to a minimum. All sub-committees should note though that they have no mandate to represent the village or talk on behalf of the community.
 - c. Christopher has obtained a quote for **Public Liability Insurance** at £120 for £1.0million cover. It was unanimously agreed that this is required. Nicky will speak to Christopher and Roger before the 24th October event to arrange. It was also felt that Risk Assessments for WHRF events may be a condition of a PLI policy. We will discuss once the PLI is obtained.
 - d. **Planning.** Long discussion about WHRF role in Planning. Agreed that key issue is publicity about planning applications. David will let John Grange have **all** new applications received by parish council from MDC to put on the WH website. An agenda item for the next committee meeting to be a review of how successful this is being. Nicky will tell WHRF mailing list to look on 'old-shop' notice board and on the website. Nicky explained that she had had grief from both sides over the caravan application and was not prepared to be caught in the middle again. Nicky will investigate sending e-mails to the mailing list from a WHRF account not her personal e-mail account in order that any WHRF 'planning' e-mails are not erroneously perceived to be as from one person/member of the committee.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** £133.50 has been paid for website fees, (but see overleaf – website), £520 is being held on behalf of Neighbourhood Plan group and £108 remains of the Community Garden Grant. **The balance is £573.50.**
4. **Review Summer Events.** The Open Gardens, Photographic Competition, Summer picnic and Balmoral boat trip were all very successful. It was noted that all were hard work to organise and those involved were thanked, sincerely.
5. **Forthcoming Events.** October 24th **Samhain Bonfire at Mary's.** Tickets £2 per ticket £1 per child. Max 50 tickets. Mary will print out tickets. Mary will arrange soup & sausages and bonfire. Nicky will lend Mary lanterns. If it rains it rains! **Bring & Share Winter Supper** January 23rd 2016, 6pm. Tickets £2. Max 40. Nicky to book hall and print tickets. Food, as last time, to be agreed at time of ticket purchase. Nicky to give each committee member 10 tickets to sell. Hugh to ask Lucy&Juliet if they can do some music and Elizabeth a quiz? Suggestions for 2016. Butcombe Brewery visit with pub meal, another Balmoral trip and a tour of Wells Cathedral. AGM date to be agreed at December meeting.
6. **Update from Working Groups** - see attached.
7. **Any Other Business.** 7th November, volunteers required to help Nicky at a **village hall coffee morning** to advertise village events, WHRF to have a table. Councillor Ball has undertaken much work on **the HGV/ SatNAV** issue. Local MP Ian Liddell-Grainger and SCC Chair, John Osman trying to resolve this and David will keep us updated on progress. Councillor Danson advised that the structural problems with WH bridge (opposite Community Hall) will be addressed by SCC Highways. He also sought views on a use for the Parish Council owned bus shelter at the bottom of School Hill. All agreed that installing seating would be beneficial. Hugh suggested that WHRF should appoint a social secretary to organise social events in the village. This will be put on the Agenda for the December meeting. Roger suggests a monthly coffee morning, suggestion is that 12 volunteers organise one coffee morning each. Suggestion is that Roger draws up a rota and books the Hall. Put on Agenda for December meeting.
8. The next committee meetings will be on **December 1st** and **January 12th** at 7.30pm at the Wookey Hole Club. Nicky will book the Club.

Nicky Amos September 24th 2015

Working Party Reports

Buses + Footpaths

Mary Gaunt

No developments since last meeting.

WP2 Pyrolysis Plant

Roger Hancock

No developments since last meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

David Ball

Nigel Clarke is handling this but is very busy with work. The new Stage 2 MDC Local Plan is out for consultation and the SCOPC Neighbourhood Plan cannot contradict anything in this new document. The required, but expensive housing needs survey could possibly be done in conjunction with Wells City Council. Stage 2 Local Plan envisages that future Wells' Housing requirement will be taken up by new-build houses in Haybridge, Coxley and Wookey Hole.

St Cuthbert's Mill

Chris Blackford

No developments since last meeting.

Elm Close Development

Chris Britton

Parish Councillors advise that the latest application had been turned down by MDC but it is likely that the developer will resubmit yet again.

Wookey Hole Website

John Grange

The photographic competition resulted in more people viewing the site. Fees involved for running the site have been paid for another year. A grant has been approved by SCOPC to cover the costs of the website fees

Additional Post Box

Hugh Talbott

No developments since last meeting.

Memorial Trees

David Scarth

No developments since last meeting.

Notice Boards

Jenny Lewis

There was a long meeting on 7th September involving all groups in the village with an interest. Sadly Jenny has decided to step down and she was thanked sincerely for all her work. Hugh will take over as Chair. He will visit the nearest noticeboard installed by the proposed supplier to check its suitability and also talk to Parish Councillors about the necessity for Planning Permission.

Campaign for Dark Skies

Gary Amos

Gary sought committee approval to organise an astronomy event to publicise this important campaign, which was given unanimously.

WH What's On

Jenny Lewis

No developments since last meeting.

St Mary Magdalene Community Garden

Julia Scarth

David Scarth is completing a Statement of Significance and Needs for the church authorities as a precursor to obtaining a Faculty. Ed reported that Mark Lunnon is concerned his cattle will jump into the churchyard, as east wall is not stock-proof. The churchwardens are addressing with Mark.

Litter Pick up

Ed Danson

Ed emphasised the scale of the litter problem in the village originating from tourists. He will endeavour to organise a litter-pick-up working party.