

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Woodbury Salterton Residents Association

Meeting held at Diggers Rest Woodbury Salterton at 7.30pm on 10 02 2015

<b>Present</b>	Dave Rose, Aran Brown, Diana Wackerbarth, Geoff Jung, Frank Mulholland, Pricilla Trenchard, Nigel Edwards Stuart Honour, Keith Phillips, Ben Jones, Ian Hunt.	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Norman Gordon, Diana Wackerbarth. (David Rose Vice Chairman took the meeting in the absence of the Chairman)	
<b>2 Previous Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the last meeting was agreed	
<b>3 Matters Arising</b>	There were no matters Arising.	
<b>4 Correspondence</b>	<p>The Secretary proposed that the correspondence will be dealt with within the body of the meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that there has been over 30 letters, cards and many emails regarding the successful conclusion of the Association campaign on the Sages Lea Development.</p> <p>The committee thanked all the members who had sent messages of thanks.</p>	
<b>6. Treasurers Report</b>	<p>The Treasurer reported that there was £8611 in the 2 bank accounts. This can be split into 3 parts.</p> <p>£8001 in the Sages Lea Fighting fund. (£750 spent on consultant fees)</p> <p>£250 in the Parkhayes plantation fund from a donation given by Woodbury Follies, specifically for planting and further nature conservation on the site.</p> <p>The remaining £360 was from membership fees and one off donations from members for the administration and stationary costs.</p> <p>It was agreed that any discussion regarding the Sages Lea fighting fund would be dealt with under a separate heading later in the meeting</p>	
<b>6. Membership Secretaries Report</b>	<p>The membership secretary reported that there were 118 paid up members, with 167 on the email list.</p> <p><b>Members Emails</b></p> <p>The Secretary reported that in the near future emails regarding WSRA issues will be sent out by the Secretary or other Committee members in the absence of the Secretary on the WSRA email address.</p> <p>He will also be able to be contacted as usual on his own personal email address as previously (<a href="mailto:geoffdebbie2@btinternet.com">geoffdebbie2@btinternet.com</a>)</p> <p>He will be able to take emails on either address but if possible the new address would be preferable (Details will be sent out in the next few days.)</p>	

<p><b>7. Village Scene Projects</b></p>	<p><b>Parkhayes Plantation</b> In the area required for planting it has been strimmed and the ground is awaiting rotovating.</p> <p>This will be carried out by David Rose and Aran Brown on Sunday 15/02/2015.</p> <p>The ground will then be ready for the shrubs and hedging to be planted which has been temporally planted away from site to be transplanted onto the bank to create a natural feature of interest.</p> <p>David Rose also reported that some of the bulbs planted last Autumn were coming through.</p> <p>The Secretary Reported that Woodbury Parish Council had agreed to a path to be mowed through the middle of the plantation, and it was been agreed that volunteers would carry out the task rather than the PC Grass Cutting Contractors for at least the first year to avoid overcutting.</p> <p><b>Play Park</b> The Secretary Reported that there are a number of tasks to be completed on the play park and the Parish Council are organising a “Grand Opening” on Saturday 28/03/2015 from 10am to 12am.</p> <p><b>Book Exchange</b> Pricilla Trenchard reported that some surplus books have been donated to a local charity shop, and more children’s books would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Woodbury Salterton Scarecrow Event 2015</b> Debbie Jung co-ordinator for the event on behalf of the “Friends of Woodbury Salterton Church” explained that the event last year was the first time it had been held. The event proved to be far more successful than imagined, and by popular demand it had been suggested that it should become an “Annual Event”.</p> <p>The Scarecrow Fete this year will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2pm to approximately 6pm on the Glebe Field.</p> <p>It is proposed to start putting the scarecrows out from Sat 23rd May (at the start of the Whit week half term).</p> <p>The Diggers Rest is planning a “Scarecrow BBQ” on the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June Evening prior to the Scarecrow Challenge, and will be donating a first prize for the best scarecrow.</p> <p>Because of the success of last year’s event it is planned to expand the Scarecrow Fete which last year offered Tea and Cakes. It will include some fun games and stalls, such as a football challenge and tug of war. Therefore to assist this community project for the benefit of the Church upkeep, volunteers would be needed to assist on the day of the event both in the morning with setting up and organising the event in the afternoon.</p> <p>The theme this year will be Characters from Films, and the Scarecrow hunt therefore will be correctly identifying the character and the film.</p>	
<p><b>8. Update on planning and parish issues</b></p>	<p><b>14/1821/MOUT Sages Lea</b> This application has been refused by East Devon District Council.</p> <p>The Secretary reported that Greendale Investments could appeal to the Planning Inspectorate for the decision to be overturned, or possibly amend the application to overcome the objections listed in the “Decision Notice”, or submit another smaller application.</p> <p>The committee agreed that because, of the lack of an “EDDC Local Plan” and no “Neighbourhood Plan” in place the village is still vulnerable to developers using these omissions to their advantage.</p>	

	<p>Without these documents the Local Planning Authority cannot demonstrate that that they have a 5 year land supply, so the local authority is less able to refuse planning applications.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the fighting fund is retained until the “Local Plans” are in place.</p> <p>If no further applications or appeal take place the “fighting fund” will be returned to the residents who donated funds on a pro-rata basis.</p> <p><b>Update on present applications</b></p> <p><b>Wood Yew Waste Inspectors Appeal.</b> WSRA opposed this appeal. There is nothing to update still from the Inspector.</p> <p><b>14/2064/FUL Greendale Elec Gen Plant Building</b> WSRA apposed this application. No decision has been made by the LPA</p> <p><b>14/2233/RES Greendale (Retrospective) 2 story Unit and Yard</b> WSRA did not object, but asked for the standard conditions to be applied. The application was approved with the standard conditions for Greendale Extension 13/2231/MOUT</p> <p><b>14/2843/FUL Hogsbrook Farm (Retrospective) App for PV Array</b> The WSRA opposed this application however the LPA approved it.</p> <p><b>15/0288/FUL Unit 38C Greendale Business Park (Warehouse for Distribution of imported Motorbikes)</b> The Committee had no objection to the application, but noted that the Unit had already been built. The hours of operation were acceptable but the 24/7 arrangement for deliveries and collection should be fixed to the standard times as the Greendale Extension</p> <p><b>15/0282/FUL Brookdale (Building into the Loft Amended Plans.)</b> David Rose would check with neighbours if the amended plans would be acceptable to them.</p> <p><b>Earth Moving and Hedge clearance on Greendale Business Park</b> The Secretary reported that a resident had alerted him of substantial earth moving on the Eastern fringe of the Industrial Complex, with a hedge and landscaping trees being destroyed. There had also been reports of 2 fires requiring the services of the fire brigade. The Secretary reported that he had informed Chris Rose at EDDC planning and an Enforcement Officer has been asked to investigate.</p> <p><b>Completion of the Drainage Channel and outstanding landscaping for Sages/Lea.</b> The committee agreed that now the application for Sages Lea Phase 3 has been refused a site meeting should be arranged between a subgroup and Ray Bloxham EDDC Councillor to liaise with the contractor. This will also include the breach of planning regarding the non removal of the temporary road in the Sages Lea field. Keith Phillips, Aran Brown and the Secretary will form the subgroup.</p> <p><b><u>Planning (Other)</u></b></p> <p>Nigel Edwards reported that he had been recently directed to a new EDDC website to deal with complaints of non compliance. (He agreed to supply the secretary with the link)</p> <p>This was in relation to an operator unloading new machinery at 11.00 pm at night with each machine having loud reversing beepers. When the driver was told he was in breach of a planning regulation he told Mr Edwards that he can do what he likes as it was an “Industrial Area”. The Secretary said he would follow this up with Environmental Health at EDDC</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>DR</p> <p>GJ KP AB</p> <p>NE</p> <p>GJ</p>
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	<p>Prior to the next Greendale Liaison meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March it was agreed to list all outstanding issues.</p> <p>Keith Phillips asked if the Liaison meetings actually helped as it seems that the operators simply ignored planning regulations and conditions. The Secretary who acts as the Association Representative agreed that this seemed to be the case, but the liaison committee was better than no committee, and at least all the Authorities and local representatives understood the resident's concerns and were working on improving the ongoing difficulties.</p> <p>It was also pointed out that a number of Agencies had given substantial support to the concerns of the residents during the consultations for the Devon Waste Plan, and the networking and liaison was of considerable assistance.</p>	
<b>8. Parish Issues Continued</b>	<p>The Secretary reported that <b>Parish Surgeries</b> were being arranged for every Saturday in February at the new Parish Office in Woodbury. This was for any resident to discuss any topic relating to Parish Matters, and to give advice relating to the forthcoming Parish Elections for people wishing to stand as a Parish Councillor this May.</p> <p>The secretary also reported that because of the letters of concern sent to our MP, <b>Hugo Swire</b>, from Woodbury and Woodbury Salterton residents he has arranged to have a "Question Time" style meeting at Woodbury Village Hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb from 6.30pm. The Committee agreed that it was important that as many residents attended the meeting, as the threat of further large scale development is still hanging over the Village.</p> <p>Until there is a change in National Planning Policy by the Government or East Devon local plan is finally adopted the threat will continue.</p>	
<b>9. News on the EDDC Local Plan</b>	<p>The Secretary reported that within the refusal document for Sages Lea 14/1821/MOUT the Planning officer reported that the village housing numbers would be produced within the next few weeks.</p> <p>These housing numbers form a significant part to the completion of the Local Plan. However as the report had been written on the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan there is no sign of the report yet from EDDC.</p> <p>The proposed timescale therefore is slipping further away and looks more likely the plan will not be adopted by late 2015.</p> <p>The aim by the District Council in the Autumn was to be close to completion before the local Elections in May now seem unachievable.</p>	
<b>10. Neighbourhood Plan</b>	<p>The Secretary reported that the distribution of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Document had been successfully distributed to all households and he had been told about 40 had been returned to the Woodbury Parish Offices.</p> <p>A discussion took place on a number of issues raised by the document, and it was agreed by the committee that the WSRA policy of encouraging residents to respond by the deadline of 28/2/2015 together with informing residents that the steering group were looking for volunteers to collate the returned documents into a suitable format.</p>	

	<p>The Committee proposed that the Secretary write to the Parish Council asking when the stated “open days” “to enable to consult large scale plans for your ideas for footpath/cycleways, gaps between villages...” discussed in the accompanying letter sent out with the Questionnaire</p> <p>It was further agreed not to formulate an Association response nor to advice residents on what to say, as this was the resident’s opportunity to present their own views in their requirements for the Parish for the next 15 years.</p>	GJ
<b>11. Any other Business</b>	There was no other Business	
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>The Meeting concluded at 9.20pm</p> <p>The next meeting will be at the Diggers Rest at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10/03/2015</p>	
<b>Signed</b>		