



WANA Steering Group Minutes
 Thursday 20th June 2024
 Witherley Parish Room 6-30 pm – 7.30 pm

Present: Kim Liggins, Chair (KL); Dayle Flude, Vice Chair (DF); Jackie Albrighton (JA); Tony Carter (TC); Pat Helyer (PH); David Hickie (DH); Margaret Hickie (MH); Joy Simpson, Social Events Subgroup Chair (JS); Sarah Smith (SS); Richard Wade, Planning Subgroup Chair (RW).

Apologies: Kate Chorley (KC), Lynne Lainé, Secretary (LL), Roger Lainé, Treasurer (RL), Rob Flude (RF), Ian Rawson-Mackenzie (IRM), Keith Simpson (KS), Clare Wharton (CW)

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm KL welcomed all to the meeting. The resignation of Rachel Roberts had been received.	
2.	Draft Minutes of meeting 22nd May 2024 agreed as an accurate record. Action log was reviewed: Items 8.1 and 10.2 closed	
3.	Matters arising 3.1 Formalising relationships with HBBC – proposals for this are at early stages RW.	
	3.2 Junior Wana-bees – KL reported a review of the NDP Young Persons Survey had revealed the response to the consultation in the WANA area had been poor. In discussion, it was generally acknowledged our desire to attract and engage young adult members and teenagers in particular, is one of WANA’s greatest challenges. There is need to understand what the demographic is and whether a different approach to communication with younger groups is necessary to help identify face-to-face opportunities and activities we could consider resourcing. KL reported LL has proposed to identify and target a sample of young people in the village for their input on questions and content to allow a consultation which would appeal to their peers. The NDP Questionnaire will be shared with SG members in the meantime.	LL DF
	3.3 Flooding – As flood warden, AC informed the meeting acknowledgements had been received from WPC and from LCC in response to communications sent. A dangerous pothole on Mythe Lane which causes vehicles to drop off the road when obscured by floodwater, and a request for desilting of the Mythe Brook at the bridge have been reported. AC hopes to report	

	more positively about actions taken at the next meeting.	
4.	<p>Correspondence Log The correspondence log was received. Further to this report an Email dated 22 June from Rural Communities Council (RCC) had been received. It requested help to publicise dates of 'mobile hub' visits to Witherley in July/August. Agreement to promote.</p>	DF
5.	<p>Issues Log The issues log was received. Of note is the frequency of fly tipping offences on Atterton. WANA Admin Team to liaise with WPC to request cameras allocated by HBBC to combat problems are re-deployed in this area.</p>	DF to draft
6.	<p>Treasurer's Report The Accounts to 9th June were received indicating cash assets of £314.75.</p>	
7.	<p>Subgroup Feedback: Planning Subgroup RW reported Severn Trent had issued a response but there was no additional information to allay residents' concerns about the potential of 50 new builds to overload the sewer. The response, raised further questions which would be discussed at the next meeting of the sub-group.</p>	
	<p>Social Events Subgroup Field Day – WANA had supported the Field Day event held by WPFT. JS reported the very heavy rainfall at the start of the event had undoubtedly deterred attendance. However, despite this, attendance was as good as it could be improving throughout the afternoon! The tombola had been "amazing" with £400 taken on the day. People were extremely generous with a surplus of prizes which were donated to the school for their forthcoming fete. The sums raised through the event will be reported by the Field Committee. A sum of around £30 had been raised for WANA through the sale of WANA pins. Learning: Two teams of volunteers are required for the event; one team to setup; and one to clear away. Many items donated for the tombola were out of date or part-used causing some embarrassment. This would need to be more carefully looked at for future events. A suggestion was made that when requests for items for the tombola are made, there is a note to explain that we are unable to accept out of date or part used items to encourage people to check their items before donating. Scheduling of the event – in future the event should not be scheduled to be so close to the end of term. Having two events close together was thought to impact upon fund raising at each event.</p> <p>Scarecrow Event Numerous requests have been made to the Social Subgroup for a Scarecrow</p>	

	<p>Festival. Steering Group supported a proposal that the WANA Sub Group should not organize this. A separate group would need to be formed with sufficient volunteers available. WANA acknowledged the success of the events which had been extremely successful. It is now more than 15 years since the festival has been held. Other villages in the area eg. Sheepy Parva and Market Bosworth hold these festivals and in addition there are many other festivals and events to compete with. Provision of space and the manpower to marshall carparking being a major consideration.</p>	
	<p>Newsletter Distribution of the July newsletter was underway.</p>	
8.	<p>Witherley Uncovered Two events held so far have proved to be very popular with residents. The project so far will be promoted at the forthcoming Wombles Event to be held 2-4 pm on Saturday, 6th July.</p>	
9.	<p>Recruitment of Volunteers for Gardening Activities: An urgent need to support the gardener at the Reflection Bank was discussed. If that is to continue it is vital for the village to recruit volunteer gardeners. Additionally, neighbourhood areas, eg. Riverside and the Nature Area on the Playing Field would need support. It was agreed WANA should consult at the Wombles Event and explore whether it is possible to sign up volunteers to be able to introduce a gardening group to transpose work from the Nature Garden project elsewhere in the village.</p>	DF/KI/LL
10.	<p>Any other business Drive Sharing LL requested views on the topic of 'shared driveways'. The prevailing feeling was that there is not much capacity on driveways in the area where parking was needed most, i.e. around the School, Church, Pub and Field. In addition, concerns were expressed about how the scheme would be administered. It was suggested the idea should be given wider thought including about parking problems around the village. Points raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nuisance value to some residents may outweigh the positives. • Questions raised about how the scheme would be administered, booking arrangements etc. • Known schemes had contractual arrangements. • Risk of damage to property, including oil spills on drives. • Scheduling of events to avoid clashes and competition for parking spaces • There is increasing need for dangerous reverse manoeuvres in the village especially in the areas children use most • Inconsiderate parking (although it was pointed 	

	<p>out drivers to the school were generally not offenders)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possibility of polite notices to deter parking especially at problem corners <p>It was suggested in general the topic of parking could be identified for wider thought and discussion and to share thoughts behind the drive share idea.</p>	
11.	<p>Items for Next Meeting Reporting of outcome measures</p>	
12.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting 7:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, 16 July</p> <p>KL Thanked everyone for attending and the volunteers for their help.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7:45 pm