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MINUTES

WANA Steering Group

Wednesday 20th November 2024 Witherley Parish Room

7.00-8.00 pm

Present: Kim Liggins, Chair (KL); Dayle Flude, Vice Chair (DF); Joy Simpson, Social Events subgroup Chair (JS); Richard Wade, Planning subgroup Chair (RW); Jackie Albrighton (JA); Pat Helyer (PH); Tony Carter, Flood Warden (TC), Denise Bloomer (DB)

Apologies: Lynne Lainé, Secretary (LL); Roger Lainé, Treasurer (RL); Rod Bell (RB), Rob Flude (RF), Margaret Hickie (MH), David Hickie (DH), Jan Humble (JH), Mick Humble (MH), Ian Rawson-Mackenzie (IRM); Keith Simpson (KS), Sarah Smith (SS), Clare Wharton (CW),

	Item	ACTION
1.	Welcome and Apologies: KL welcomed all to the meeting and accepted apologies.	
2.	Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd October 2024 Agreed as an accurate record.	
3.	Matters Arising Open and in progress actions on the action log were reviewed and discussed:	
3.1	Dog Fouling Staff and pupils at Witherley C.E. Primary School enthusiastically participated in a competition to design notices encouraging dog owners to “pick up the poop”. First and second prizes had been awarded with a further 23 highly commended certificates issued. A campaign using the pupil’s designs was agreed to be launched in the New Year; the poster designs to be accompanied by strong messages to warn dog walkers they were being watched and that offenders would be reported to the warden.	‘Pick It Up’ campaign to be launched in 2025. (Notices/website/ facebook).
4.	Correspondence	

	As per log	
5.	<p>Issues Log</p> <p>Firework Display 2nd November 2024</p> <p>Complaints received about the increased magnitude of sound at the Display, causing distress to individuals and pets. Feedback from the organisers is that the cost of silent fireworks is prohibitive.</p> <p>The merits of bringing the community together to attend a well-organised, safe firework display were acknowledged and the high quality of visual effects were praised.</p> <p>AGREED WANA to encourage the organisers to use silent, low noise, quieter fireworks.</p>	Encourage use of silent, low noise, quieter fireworks. A request to organisers to be made in lead up to 2025 display.
6.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>6.1 The cash position at 9th November 2024 is £2,980.04. There is unspent money ringfenced for Company and Games for which suggestions for expenditure were welcomed.</p> <p>6.2 Having set aside finances for operating costs and planned activities, a surplus of £500 has been identified by the Treasurer and is available to be distributed at the AGM between the three community (non-business) organisations: The Parish Room, Witherley Memorial Playing Field Trust and Friends of Witherley School which meet the requirements of WANA's Constitution.</p> <p>6.3 A donation towards outside seating improvements at WUFC to benefit 'Company and Games' in the summer months was raised. Potential conflict with donation because WUFC operates as a business/terms of grant was raised. Any suggestions could be brought back to next meeting in time for consultation at AGM.</p>	
7.	<p>Sustainability Statement Six-month review</p> <p>Agreed without amendment.</p>	
8.	<p>Flooding Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severn Trent re-scheduled a planned Teams meeting on 1st November with representatives from the planning subgroup to 8th November. ST then failed to attend at the revised time notified. RW will persist with attempts to re-convene. • Drainage of storm water from newer properties (Hunt Lane and Hunter's Walk) and gullies in the south of the village were thought to discharge separately i.e. not dual sewer. Is it possible storm water/river was finding its way through the sewer system and contributing to flooding on Mythe Lane/Atterton Lane in the north of the village. Increased drainage upstream at Weddington was considered a likely 	

	<p>factor contributing to raised river levels and increased velocity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC, RW, JA and DA had attended the “flooding drop-in session” at County Hall on 7th November. Photographic evidence of local flooding had been valuable to highlight flood events to agencies present. • A temporary Traffic Regulation Order had been issued on the 7th. TC explained the Order to close Atterton Lane for up to three days from 13th January was to allow the Highways Authority to make repairs to drains, including retrieval of apparatus lodged in drains during recent attempts to clear gullies. • WANA representatives have been invited to meet with staff at the MP’s office in Hinckley. However, constraints on space at the constituency office, meant they were able to accommodate only three delegates from the villages. KL has responded offering to arrange an alternative venue in Witherley which would accommodate all delegates (TC,DB,RW,KL,DF,RB). Awaiting response. • It is apparent from correspondence that the MP is experiencing ongoing difficulties in getting commitments from all of the flood agencies, including the EA, to attend a meeting called for Friday, 13th December. Residents have not yet received invitations to attend. 	
9.	<p>Draft Asset Register The Draft Asset Register was agreed as complete, and it was agreed insurance of the assets was necessary.</p>	Insurance against loss, damage and liability of WANA assets to be sought.
10.	<p>Progress against 6-month objectives With the exception of one objective, excellent progress had been made to achieve or progress the objectives agreed at the six month review.</p> <p>WANA is at risk of failing to achieve objective No 5 “<i>Work towards an effective partnership with Witherley Parish Council</i>” because Witherley Parish Council has failed not to respond to its communications. Three invitations to meet with the WANA Steering Group have been issued; the invitations do not appear to have been considered by Councillors at Witherley Parish Council Meetings. Furthermore, there has been no response, or apparent actions in response to issues WANA has raised on behalf of residents.</p>	

11.	<p>Subgroup feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Events Subgroup – JS Reported on upcoming and planned events: Our next event is Soul House Blues Band - 29th November (which is expected to be a sell out) Early in the new year, on 4th January, a Womble litter pick is planned with warming soup and a roll being provided to the wombles Tickets are on sale for: Curry Night and Bingo - 25th January Quiz Night with Chippy Supper – 22nd February Bonkers Bingo - 15th March Afternoon tea with entertainment from the ‘Baroness of Bolsover’ is planned for 12th April with other exciting events in the pipeline. Encouraging dialogue is underway with PCC and FOWs to ensure the Marquee booked for the August Bank Holiday is used to full potential. • Planning Subgroup – once again flood events have been the main focus of the group’s activity and this has been covered in item 8 above. • Newsletter – Draft guidance for publication and distribution of the WANA Newsletter and Calendar had been circulated with the Agenda and were agreed without amendment. December’s newsletter has arrived from the printers and is currently being distributed by KL for delivery. 	
12.	<p>Volunteer Thank you Proposal for all volunteers to be awarded a WANA Bee pin - agreed</p>	
13.	<p>Any Other Business: DB has contacts for Morris Dancers and an Elvis Tribute which she recommended for consideration at social events.</p>	
14.	<p>Items for December Meeting:</p>	
14.1	AGM: format, consultation, refreshments	
14.2	WANA Annual Report: format and drafting	
15.	<p>Date of Next meeting: Thursday December 19th, 2024, 6.30-7.30pm Witherley Parish Room</p>	