



Meeting Minutes

Held at:	Devil's Kneading Trough			Date:	26 th May 2005		
Present:	Ann	Sutherland	Chair	Dave	Dubber	Jeff	Higgins
	John	Claydon		Robert	Earl	Janet	Hullett
	Delia	Copland		Rosemary	Freeman	Olga	Shelton
	Mike	Copland		Mary	Hemsley	Malcolm	Shelton
	Angela	Cryer		Jeannette	Henderson	Nicola	Warren
Apologies:	Ian	Cooling		Joanna	Bond	Barry	Hullett
	Richard	Boden		Tatiana	Cant	John	Morris

Action

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Welcome new member

Ann welcomed Olga Shelton (Lavender by Olga) as a new member. Olga is originally from Canada and has recently moved into Wye. She gave an introduction to her therapeutic lavender products, which she hopes to be marketing locally. Sheila and Geoff Chapman have also just joined with their B&B business in Oxenturn Road.

3. Tourism/Brown signs

Richard Boden has actioned with Kent Highways. He has reapplied for £500 funding and confirms that Charles Findlay is supporting our cause. The Co-Op has donated a cheque for £200 towards the sign. Richard is writing a piece about the signs in the July Business Wyse.

Ann Sutherland

4. Tourism update

The Tourism Dept of ABC has given permission to use Ann's shop (Ticketyboo) for an information point (not an official tourism centre). Ann has agreed to pay for an official info logo in partnership with ABC. They will have train and bus timetables and other tourist information. ABC want to link WBA website to their Tourism website - Tatiana (Kantara) has agreed to put in the link on the WBA site at no extra charge. The Christmas street party will also be advertised on ABC website. There was a suggestion to get some more info signs by the station and possibly at other sites in the village.

Ann Sutherland

5. Wye Web Site

There was a discussion about the WBA web site. Robert confirmed that we have paid for hosting and annual update. Mike Copland felt very strongly that members with their own web site should have a hyperlink to their sites from the WBA site, and this was generally agreed. Nicola proposed to prepare a schedule and timetable of pages to be updated. It was proposed to put Business Wyse on the site instead of the minutes. Ann will take this forward with Tatiana.

Nicola Warren

Ann Sutherland

6. Business Wyse – next issue progress

John Claydon reported that the first edition had been very well received and plans were well advanced for the July edition, which will have 8 pages. There will be 4 or 5 advertorials and a full page for the Summer Village event, plus a full page for Wye Cycle greenhouse and an article on the level crossing. John said there was a need for an update from Law and Disorder



Committee. He stressed that this is our magazine and all contributions are needed - even snippets of information. Closing date is the last week in June for publication first week in July. Janet suggested publishing the level crossing timetable. Also something about tourism is wanted. John said he was trying to get some funding from Business Link Kent.

7. Level crossing report on action taken so far

Ann reported that she had written to Network Rail on behalf of WBA about the problems caused by the extended closure of the gates, and stating that we had evidence to support our claims. She received a standard letter in reply, which did not address any of the points raised. This has been copied to Damian Green, who is being kept informed of our actions. Ian Cooling has had a meeting with Stagecoach about their problems with the level crossing closures.

8. Any Other Business

Summer Village Event: Ann confirmed that the “Bit of a Do” would take place in the village hall/field on Sunday 24th July starting at 12h30. There will be no charge, but there will be a collection/raffle for the hospice. The format is a picnic with entertainment from a band as well as from villagers. Other activities include: A bar from The Tickled Trout; teas from the Church; an art exhibition; impersonations; fun dog show. Donations for the raffle can be left at Mary Hemsley’s.

Wye Village Spring Clean: Sat 11 June 10h00. Meet outside the village hall – all welcome.

Christmas Street Party – Friday 2nd December: The Vicar has suggested having a Carol service after the event.

Wye Gardeners Association: has been going for 100 years and will be holding a show on 25th June in Village Hall. Ann urged all members to make an effort to take entry to show. The Schedule can be seen at Wye News.

School sponsored litter pick: they have asked WBA for sponsorship for the litter pick in June, with any money raised going towards the school. It was agreed to give them £20 out of WBA funds.

Change of day of WBA meetings: there was a general discussion on whether we should hold our meetings on another evening. Generally, it was agreed to stick to Thursday, but wherever possible to avoid Parish Council meetings. However, the next meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY 29th June.**

Refreshments: Everyone thanked Dave Dubber for providing the delicious refreshments.

The meeting closed at 19h54

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY 29th JUNE 6.00 for 6.30 p.m. at the Devil's Kneading Trough.

Action

All members

Ann Sutherland

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