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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING FORTY NINTH PARISH MEETING OF WEST END PAROCHIAL ELECTORS HELD ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 AT 19:30 IN THE SPORTS PAVILION, BENNER LANE, WEST END, WOKING, SURREY, GU24 9JP

Present: There were 42 electors present (together with Parish Councillors A. Page (Chairman), D. Gubbins. G. Alleway, A. Dredge, D. Elliott, W.J. Medhurst, S. Prideaux-Burns and Mrs S. Price (Clerk for the Council)

The Chairman, Cllr A. Page opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cllr Page presented the Citizen of the Year award to Ravi Raveendran.

Last year the West End Village Society (WEVS) had as its Project of the year, the planting of daffodil and crocus bulbs alongside many of the roads in the village. This project was led by Ravi, who put hours and hours of his spare time into it. He researched the type of bulbs, where to source them and where to plant them. Then he set about obtaining the necessary permission, where required, to plant them, a task that was not straight forward and it took a great deal of effort to achieve. The task of fundraising began with the aim of buying 9000 bulbs. Donations were made by the parish council, local societies and business community including Highwood Construction (nursing home) and the original target of £600 was exceeded allowing the purchase of more bulbs. In total nearly £2,800 was raised. Ravi arranged community planting sessions over four weekends starting at the end of October 2016 and in total 11,000 daffodils and 7000 crocuses were planted. March/April 2017 saw West End in a mass of bloom which was enjoyed by everyone in the village and those passing through.

Not only did Ravi invest a lot of time in the bulb project he is also the editor of the WEVS magazine and was instrumental in getting a new bench on New England Hill.

Without Ravi's massive effort on this task, this legacy project, which is on-going, would never have happened. The time, effort and pure dedication Ravi has put into this project, even apart from his wider input to West End via WEVS, makes him a deserving winner of this award.

Cllr A. Page invited Cllr G. Alleway to present a further award to mark an outstanding contribution to West End. In 2008 a public meeting was held where the residents gave a mandate to the parish council for a Village Design Statement. In 2009 the Council approached the West End Village Society which delegated a steering committee formed of devoted West End volunteers. In 2010 a village wide consultation was performed to find out what residents thought of West End and how they wanted to see it evolve in the future. This consultation was reported in a Residents' Viewpoint document produced by Guy Consterdine; a remarkable feat in its own right. The VDS was then formulated and after much deliberation with SHBC the VDS was adopted as a Supplementary Planning Guide for use by the Local Planning Authority when considering development in West End. The members of the steering committee recognised were Judy Douch (Chair), Beulah Kingston, Marc Bedwell, David Catley, Jill Catley, Yvette Jones, Savitri Kegge, Ian Komor, Jeff Llewellyn and Robin Short. Guy, Savitri, Yvette and Beulah accepted the award on behalf of the steering committee.

MINUTES

The minutes of the forty eighth Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2016 were available for the electors to read. The minutes were proposed by Cllr D. Dredge and seconded by Mrs A. Astall. The minutes were signed by the Chairman Cllr A. Page.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr A. Page gave an update on the current status of the new developments for West End, including the concerns surrounding works traffic accessing the sites on Kings Road. These issues were being dealt with directly by the officer responsible for the applications at Surrey Heath Borough Council and those residents concerned had been contacted. The Boundary Commission Draft Recommendations on new electoral arrangements for Borough Boundaries was also mentioned, as Surrey Heath Borough Council had responded to the proposals suggesting that some roads in West End should move to Chobham Ward. Cllr A. Page advised that both the West End ward Councillors were not in agreement with this and the parish council had also advised the Boundary Commission of its objection to these proposals.

Cllr A. Page then summarised the work of the Parish Council during the past year.

- In April 2016 the Parish Council ran a very successful Beacon Event celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. This event had raised £326 each for Tringham West End Centre, West End Old Folks Social Club and West End Village Hall Management Trust. Over 600 people had attended and it was hoped that the parish would be involved in another Beacon event on 11th November 2018 for Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute and WWI Beacons of Light.
- The seats on Fellow Green and Fenns Lane/Brentmoor road had been refurbished.
- Initiated by the Garden Club, the parish council had replaced the broken sun-dial at the War Memorial with a flowering cherry and removed the dead box hedging. This would be replaced in the autumn with an alternative plant.
- Display of poppies from October – December on the A322 and Church Road
- The following works had been completed at The Sports Pavilion and recreation ground
 - i. Replacement double glazing
 - ii. Legionella compliance
 - iii. Drainage to improve a flooded area near the pond
 - iv. Alleviated flooding on the car park near the play area by installing a gully

- v. Surface repairs to wet pour on the play area Benner Lane
- vi. Installation of a new garage door and new fascia's
- vii. New posts around the recreation, replacing the wooden ones with low maintenance recycled plastic. These were installed by Cllr Medhurst and Cllr Elliott.

- Instigated by Cllr G. Alleway, a new drop kerb had been created on Kerria Way, to provide safer access provision for residents from the northern and eastern side of the village on foot, particularly for those with buggies or using mobility scooters. The Kerria Way crossing point, with dropped kerb right next to the roundabout, could be hazardous in respect to traffic leaving the roundabout to enter Kerria Way. In conjunction with this dropped kerb a new access path through the existing hedge row leading to the surgery entrance was being provided by the parish council to create a more direct route than the existing route around Lucas Green Road or off Guildford Road.

Projects/Maintenance for the coming year

- As previously mentioned a new path was being created to make access to the doctors' surgery easier from Kerria Way.
- The car park area opposite the Scout & Guides was being resurfaced
- The parish council was working with highways to resolve a flooding problem on the pavement near the BP garage
- Verti-drain all football pitches Sep 2017
- Full ditch clearance in Jan 2018
- Mini dredge of the pond Feb 2018
- Cllr A. Page mentioned the use of the recreation ground as a car park for a Gordons School Music Festival. Cllr W. J. Medhurst would answer any questions concerning this during the open forum.

Finally, Cllr A. Page paid tribute to Terry Faulkner, former parish council employee for the past 18 years. Terry had passed away in April 2016, and in his memory the parish council had placed a memorial seat on the recreation ground by Church Road.

The Chairman welcomed Guest Speaker Paul Melvin from Surrey Mediation Services. Christine Reynard from Surrey Mediation Services was also present at the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Paul Melvin gave an overview of the free service offered by Woking Mediation Services

- The most common issues referred to the service were
 - i. Noise
 - ii. Boundary disputes
 - iii. High hedges/trees
 - iv. Anti-social behaviour
 - v. Children
 - vi. Pets
- Disputants' details were referred by police, other agencies or by individuals. After initial contact with all parties, two mediators would be assigned to a case. Mediators facilitate a joint meeting and support parties through to an agreement.
- Within the range of the most common issues mediation is usually suitable between two or more parties except when:
 - i. legal proceedings have begun
 - ii. police are investigating a criminal matter
 - iii. one party of a two party case refuses to engage or we do not have party contact details
 - iv. parties are known to be aggressive or violent

Questions were invited from the audience.

The Chairman thanked Paul Melvin for an informative talk.

Surrey County Council update from Cllr Adrian Page

A petition had been submitted to County Council last year regarding the speed limit on the A322, with the suggestion to reduce to 30mph from Gordons Roundabout through to Bisley. Having championed this for West End and Bisley residents at various committees, Cllr Page was disappointed that this had not been approved. However, a recommendation to improve the traffic lights and create safer crossing areas at the junction between Guildford Road and Brentmoor Road had been highlighted from this petition. These improvements had now been implemented and pedestrian were now safer crossing at this junction. The issue of pot holes was again mentioned, and continued to be on dealt with on a reactive basis.

Surrey Heath Borough Council update from Cllr Adrian Page

The Borough Council was currently focusing on the Camberley Town Centre regeneration. The aim was to encourage younger people to live there and SHBC had acquired property in the centre, obtaining funds through the Green Bank. SHBC was also in the process of drafting a new local plan which would take into account the recent decisions that the National Planning Inspectors had made on housing numbers. Cllr Page recognised that West End had taken the brunt of developments for the Borough and that the cumulative impact of all the development planned for West End had not been taken into account by either Borough Council or County Council due to the narrowness within current planning rules.

OPEN FORUM

- Q.1. Guy Consterdine asked for clarification on approximately how much CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) the parish council would receive from the developments. The Clerk confirmed it would be approximately £600,000 depending on the Boundary Commission review.
- Q.2. Edna Holt wanted to know who took the wreaths away from the War Memorial. The Clerk believed this was done by the Royal British Legion although Joyce Cadwallader could not confirm this. The parish council agreed to remove them after a suitable amount of time.
- Q.3. Edna Holt wanted to thank Highwood Construction for their considerate parking
- Q.4. Edna Holt asked whether the speed limit would be reduced in Benner Lane when the Malthouse Farm development was being built. Cllr A. Page explained that the speed was already 30mph and the parish council did not have the power to change speed limits
- Q.5. Angela Astall felt that the speed on Benner Lane outside the school should be 20mph and there should be traffic calming measures introduced. Cllr A. Page explained that some years ago a survey had been carried out with residents in Benner Lane and the residents did not want traffic calming measures.
- Q.6. Geoff Walker stated that he was unhappy with the SHBC's response to the Boundary Commission consultation recommending that Kings Road move into the Chobham Ward. Residents had not been advised of their recommendations and there had been no time to object. He also mentioned that Thakeham Homes were travelling all the way down Kings Road although they had been told not to enter at the A322 end.

There were no further questions from the residents therefore the Chairman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting but commented on how engaging West End was as a community and what a great place the village was to live in.

The meeting closed at 20:35

Signed Chairman Date