

WERRINGTON AREA FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT WERRINGTON VILLAGE CENTRE ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2019

PRESENT:

FORUM MEMBERS:

Cllr Sandra Bond, Pauline Fury, Ivan Hammond, Cllr Stephen Lane, Bill Mercer, Vince Moon, Roger Proudfoot, Geoff Smith, Sally Weald, and 25 residents of Werrington.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Judy Bunten, Cllr John Fox, Cllr Judy Fox, Martin Greaves, Kay Molyneux

Vince Moon welcomed everyone and commented on the excellent turnout on a dismal evening. The apologies were accepted as above.

1. FORUM UPDATE

Sally Weald as Secretary presented the following report:

The Neighbourhood Council in 2018 decided to lead on the formation of an Area Forum to allow a Neighbourhood Plan to be undertaken. Neighbourhood Plans indicate their communities wishes in the development of their area. Whilst Werrington doesn't have any new development, the Plan can be used to protect the area's assets: its spaciousness, village buildings, its open spaces, its services. Alongside this a community action plan can be formed to support those issues falling outside the Neighbourhood Plan. This work is supported by a £9,000 grant available over 3 years. With the City Council's support over the last 6 months we have formed the designated area, formed the Neighbourhood Forum and obtained our first amount of funding. This has enabled the website to be developed but mostly it enabled us to meet with ACRE's planning consultants who assisted with a timetable for the next steps (Copies of the report are available). The steering group now are developing the community questionnaire (which will be delivered with Spotlight in September) and developing the evidence base

Sally then confirmed that this is an opportunity that Werrington didn't want to miss especially with £9,000 of available funding. The Plan can be used to protect the best bits of Werrington: spaciousness, village buildings, green areas, services. The Council has to take note of the Plan when considering planning applications. Alongside this a community action plan can be formed to support those issues falling outside the Neighbourhood Plan. Over the last year the designated area and forum has been consulted on and approved, a steering group has meet and a workshop held with consultants. The next lot of funding is now awaited and the next two projects are making the community aware and taking their views and undertaking a village survey to describe what's good and what needs protecting. The next meeting is 29th July and everyone was invited to join this.

In response to questions Sally confirmed that:

- The questionnaire being circulated will explain what a Plan can do for Werrington and give details of the time scale. It will then ask questions such as whats good, bad and what needs improving in Werrington
- The question of a Werrington Parish Council is still some way in the future and, if it happens, will be subject to a full community consultation and a vote. Some initial questions about what residents want in the future will be included in the questionnaire.

2. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

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Income		Expenditure	
Locality	£1036	Consultancy	£480
		Website	£50
		Carnival	£30
		Refreshments	£20.90
		Locality return	£455.10
Total	£1036	Total	£1036

The Area Forum's report and accounts were then approved by the meeting.

The following budget was submitted for next year:

Proposed Budget for 2019-20	
Consultancy work 9 days	£4320
Website	£50
Meeting room hire and refreshments	£458
PR: Banners Carnival, posters	£1205
Consultation printing and delivery	£1757
Technical data purchase	£330
Total	£8120
Note: Amounts of £500 can be transferred between headings. Any amount unspent by 31 March 2020 must be returned but can be reapplied for next year	

4. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER and STEERING GROUP**

Nominations were received for the officer appointments.

The following appointments were made by the meeting.

Chair: Vince Moon;

Secretary: Sally Weald,

Treasurer: Geoff Smith

Steering Group: Vince Moon, Sally Weald, Geoff Smith, Mick Wheatley and Roy Beard.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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Monday 29th July 2019 7pm The Barn

Tuesday 2nd June 2020 7.30pm Village Centre