

**MINUTES OF THE WAG PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Held Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 6.30pm**  
**in The Enterprise Centre at The Oakwood Academy**

**Present:**

Sue Jablonskas (SJ) – Chair and resident  
 Pat Clark (PC) – Vice Chair, Parish Councillor and resident  
 John Clark (JC) - Treasurer, and resident  
 Keith Eddyshaw (KE) – Committee member, Parish Councillor and resident  
 Mike Robinson (MR) – Committee member, Parish Councillor and resident  
 Alison Macdonald-Loseby (AMcDL) – Committee member and resident  
 Tammy Bisset (TB) – District Councillor  
 Alec Dubberley (AD) – Gedling Borough Council (for item 3)  
 Hilary Fyfe Hardy (HFH) – Nottingham City Homes

In addition, a further 3 residents signed in.

**Apologies:**

John Robinson (JR) – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council  
 Pauline Allan (PA) – County Councillor for the area

No.	Item	Info/Action
1.	<p><b>Treasurer’s report</b></p> <p>JC circulated the budget report showing the balances as at 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The current account balance is £1,428.19 and the business account balance is £6,250.26. The reduction in the current account balance since the previous quarter is largely due to the cost of the Christmas Tree Pit and Christmas Lights (£3,600) which has been paid to GBC during this quarter.</p> <p>PC reported that she has been able to secure a grant of £500 towards WAG future projects from GBC Boroughwide Grant Fund which will be added to the balances. ‘Thanks’ were recorded to PC for applying for this and for the assistance of District Councillors John Clarke and Michael Payne for supporting the application.</p> <p>It will be necessary to raise additional funds to cover the cost of planned projects in 2018/19, the fireworks display on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the Christmas Lights in December. There are also other costs which need to be covered e.g. Public Liability Insurance. It is hoped to raise some funds at the 80’s themed event on 28<sup>th</sup> July. It was suggested and agreed that any food vendors at the event be asked for a donation, although it was felt that applying a charge to them could discourage them attending.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Update on actions by Gedling Borough Council</b></p> <p>MR reported on progress by GBC in achieving actions on some of the issues raised at the WAG meeting/walk around with JR (Chief Executive) last summer.</p> <p>Nottingham City Homes have agreed to develop additional parking spaces with the Gardens area by using the sites of garage bases. Work has already commenced on one site with others to follow as finance allows. Painted lines on newly laid tarmac will mark the new parking areas.</p> <p>Notts County Council/<b>viam</b> have said that the interactive speed sign on Bewcastle Road (between the junction of Muirifield Road and Church View Close) will be installed by the end of March.</p> <p>Some new road name signs are being installed by GBC and they will look to see if any others can be replaced in the next financial year.</p> <p>The overlays indicating ‘dead end’ have been ordered and will be stuck on the appropriate road name signs.</p> <p>A new covered bus stop with information board will be installed on Bewcastle Road near</p>	

	<p>Tithe Gardens.</p> <p>SJ reported that she had contacted GBC regarding the increased amount of dog mess in the area, particularly on the Recreation Ground and near the schools' entrances. The new Neighbourhood Warden for this area, Shelley Winters, had visited the area and had requested an additional clean up. The Parks and Street Care Service Manager had arranged this and had also said they would increase the frequency of cleans for a short time.</p> <p>The British Spring Clean litter pick which had been planned with Nottingham City Homes had to be cancelled due to snow. The meeting agreed with HFH from Nottingham City Homes that this be rescheduled for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 1.30pm. An email will be sent to the WAG email list.</p> <p>SJ will also email GBC to ask whether they wish to take park in this joint effort. HFH will contact the Neighbourhood Warden to ask whether she can provide the necessary equipment.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been an instance of fly-tipping in from of the Community Church site. JC had seen staff in a GBC van and reported this to them and it was quickly removed.</p>	<p>SJ to send email seeking volunteers</p> <p>SJ to send email to GBC HFH to acquire equipment</p>
3.	<p><b>Elections for new St Albans Parish Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018</b></p> <p>Information with relevant dates regarding the election had been provided on the back of the WAG agenda flyer which had been delivered to every residential property in the WAG area.</p> <p>AD from GBC attended for this item and explained that information on the nomination process will be on the GBC website from 15<sup>th</sup> March. AD clarified that whatever the nomination form contains in relation to the candidates will appear on the ballot paper – there are 3 options – blank/party/three-word description; e.g. it could say that they are standing as a 'Local resident' or an 'Independent' candidate. Nominations must be delivered in person to Arnot Hill by 6<sup>th</sup> April. AD said he can check forms for accuracy in advance of being submitted but cannot comment on them once submitted. The GBC website will also contain information regarding postal votes. He explained that after the 31<sup>st</sup> March the Bestwood St Albans Parish Council will seek to exist. The new St Albans Parish Council will be established from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 although there will not be any elected members of the Council until after the elections on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.</p> <p>The outcome of the election will be reported on the GBC website on 4<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>AD stated that the precept for 2018/19 has been set by GBC as the new Council was not in existence to do this.</p> <p>AD was thanked for attending the meeting and providing information. AD left the meeting at this point.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Proposed 80's themed event – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b></p> <p>AMcDL reported that she has applied for the licence for the event to be held on the Recreation Ground and this has been agreed by GBC. It is intended that there will be 80's music/singing and dance demonstrations. She is currently looking to book food vendors, DJ etc. There will be other activities/competitions e.g. 80's Fancy Dress, poster competition for children to design a poster regarding dog poo (GBC have said they will use the winning poster on boards on lamp posts around the Recreation Ground). WAG will have a tombola stall. Other suggestions for activities or ways of raising funds for WAG would be gratefully received and considered.</p> <p>Alcohol will not be allowed on the site.</p>	<p>Suggestions to be sent via WAG email address</p>
5.	<p><b>Update on Funding Applications</b></p> <p>An application for £10,000 towards outdoor gym equipment has been submitted to Notts County Council Local Improvement Scheme. Decision expected June/July.</p> <p>An application for £2,000 towards outdoor gym equipment has been submitted to Nottingham City Homes. Awaiting decision.</p> <p>KE has submitted an application to Greggs.</p>	

	<p>PC applied to GBC for £500 and this has been agreed.</p> <p>It is intended that another application be submitted to WREN in June to cover whatever the outstanding amount is to complete the planned development of the Recreation Ground (the outdoor gym equipment and the refurbishment and extension of the playground facilities).</p> <p>TB stated at the meeting that she will continue to support the activities of WAG through her member's allowance and that an application should be submitted before the end of this final year for £200.40. 'Thanks' were record to TB for her continuing support.</p>	<p>SJ to submit application to GBC</p>
6.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b></p> <p>The minutes were considered for accuracy and Matters Arising</p> <p><b>Fireworks Display 2018</b></p> <p>2 dates have been offered by Galaxy Fireworks - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at a cost £2,400 (for a slightly longer display) of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at a cost of £2,000 (for same length of display as 2017).</p> <p>All those present at the meeting agreed that the Friday evening was preferable as children would not have to be up for school the next day. Also, it was felt that the Friday evening event was a good start to the weekend. The date of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be booked with Galaxy Fireworks.</p> <p>It was agreed that an application should again be made to close a section of Muirfield Road as last year the parking/traffic created a potential H &amp; S issue. SJ to arrange to meet with <b>viame</b> and ask the Police Safety Advisory Group rep to attend to support WAG on this issue.</p> <p><b>Christmas Tree/Lights/Switch-on event</b></p> <p>The event had been very well attended and residents had made positive comments regarding the lights and the tree. There had been a problem after Christmas when the tree lights were not on and although this had been reported to GBC it had not been possible to rectify this.</p> <p>TB was thanked for providing the Christmas Tree in 2017. She stated that she will be happy to provide this every year. Once again, thanks were recorded to TB.</p>	<p>SJ to confirm</p> <p>SJ to arrange meeting</p>
7.	<p><b>Crime Stats</b></p> <p>The latest Crime stats were distributed at the meeting.</p>	<p>CB to put on WAG website</p>
8.	<p><b>Issues raised by residents</b></p> <p><b>New Data Protection Act and requirements</b></p> <p>CB will provide advice on any action required.</p> <p><b>Kompan Funding Competition</b></p> <p>CB offered for himself and his partner to look into this.</p> <p><b>John Robinson, CEO of GBC</b> – Hopes to attend the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Blue Sky Fashion Show</b></p> <p>A flyer about this event had been delivered together with the WAG flyer. All welcome to attend.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>SJ for agenda</p>
9.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – including AGM and Election of Officers</b></p> <p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 6.30pm in the Enterprise Centre at The Oakwood Academy</p> <p>Nominations or volunteers for WAG Committee and Officer roles are required including Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary.</p>	<p><b>All residents are asked to consider</b></p>