

MINUTES OF THE WAG PUBLIC MEETING
Held Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 6pm
In the Enterprise Centre at The Oakwood Academy

Present:

Pat Clark (PC) – Vice Chair, Parish Councillor and resident

John Clark (JC) – Treasurer, Parish Councillor and resident

Keith Eddyshaw (KE) – Committee member, Parish Councillor and resident

Alison McDonald – Loseby (AMcDL) – Committee member and resident

Sue Jablonskas (SJ) – Past Chair and resident

Rachael Ellis (RE) – Prospective Borough Candidate

3 residents attended

No	Item	Info/Action
1	Treasurer's Report JC circulated the budget report showing balances as at 06/12/18. The current account balance is £3,767.54 and the business account £14, 504.16. SAPC has given a grant of £8,250.00 towards match funding for the grant application to WREN for £100,000. St. Albans Parish Council (SAPC) has given a grant of £1,800 towards the cost of the Firework display and £1,920 towards the Christmas event. Tammy Bisset has granted £250.00 toward the Christmas event and £99.75 has been raised on the tombola. The floodlights with generator hire from Frank Key was £57.60 plus £6.81 for fuel.	
2	Cover of vacant positions There were no volunteers for the vacant Chair. KE volunteered to take the Secretary's position and was assured of assistance. SJ was invited to re-join the committee which was passed unanimously. Since the previous meeting Mike Robinson and Cal Bryant had resigned for WAG committee.	
3	Review of outdoor gym equipment All 6 items of gym equipment have been installed and are being used on a daily basis. There will be an official handover event on 16 th January 2019 at 11 am on Muirfield Park to which a number of council members and funders have been invited. There is a final payment of £2,500 to be made to GBC once the money is received from NCC. KE has agreed to oversee group sessions on the equipment.	
4	Review of firework display 2nd November 2018 It is believed up to 500 people attended the WAG firework display which was shown by Galaxy Fireworks. The free sparklers were enjoyed by the younger children prior to the display. The addition of floodlights was a plus particularly from a safety aspect, as was the road closure. A collection on the night raised £201.75. All 3 food suppliers confirmed they had good business and 2 of them had made a donation to WAG. The 2019 firework display was voted unanimously for Friday 1 st November 2019.	JC to book
5	Review of poster competition and new signs A poster competition entitled 'bag it and bin it' was held for children at the Summer 80's event. The competition entries were judged by Melvyn Cryer of GBC. The over 6 winner was Phoebe Eggleton who's design was reproduced on metal plaques by GBC and installed on Muirfield Park at no cost to WAG. The 6 and under winner was Isla O'Neill. Both young ladies attended a photo shoot in front of one of the signs with GBC Portfolio holder Councillor Peter Barnes, Melvyn Cryer and Terry Ball from GBC plus WAG members. Both winners have been awarded a £10 Tesco voucher.	

6	<p>Review of Christmas lights switch on event 4th December 2018</p> <p>It was agreed that the Christmas event has been a great success. The choirs of Oakwood Academy and Warren Primary Academy had performed a number of carols after which the Christmas tree lights and lampposts lights had been switched on after a countdown. WAG had supplied 150 selection boxes which Santa (Also supplied by WAG) handed out to the choirs and to the pupils performing in the music and drama event in the auditorium at Oakwood. Santa even has a part in the play. The auditorium was packed with parents and local residents which was probably due to the leaflet drop organised by WAG.</p>	
7	<p>Grant applications</p> <p>SJ advised that the grant application to WREN had been submitted the day previous and we would be advised of success or otherwise on 15/03/19. A CAD layout of how WAG anticipated Phase 3 of Muirfield Park could look was passed around and agreed it would be very popular. Grant applications to SAPC had been successfully made by JC for cost of firework display and Christmas event. WAG had missed out on the current Wild Flower Project for this year but will submit next year. AMcDL is to submit a grant application to RHS for similar funding. WAG is also involved in a 'trees for learning' project from Dept of Environment and a 'prescribed participation' project with a local GP surgery via NCH. JC has received a price for producing a banner to advertise events but will revise the spec before the next meeting.</p>	JC to get new prices
8	<p>Update on previous minutes and new crime stats</p> <p>The minutes of the September 2018 meeting were passed. The crime stats for September and October were passed round and it was considered there had been a small rise in reported crime since the July and August stats. There is still no police representation at WAG meetings because of cost cutting. RE suggested contacting Shelley the local warden with regard to DNA matching of dog poo. SJ said it was necessary to get a conviction for dog fouling to help deter others.</p>	
9	<p>Residents views, questions and any other business</p> <p>RE asked if there was anywhere in the area that could be used by craft groups and was free of any cost. After discussing the usual Community Church land it was agreed she should try Warren Primary Academy.</p> <p>The next meeting was agreed for Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 6pm in The Enterprise Centre at Oakwood Academy.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.15pm</p>	