

# **NOTES OF WAG MEETING INCLUDING AGM 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 AT THE OAKWOOD ACADEMY**

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 Emma McCluskey - Committee Member  
 Helen Jeffrey - Committee member  
 2 residents in attendance

Item	Agenda Title	What was discussed?	What was decided? Action to be taken	Who to action and by when?
1.	Appointment of Officers	<p>Nominations for –</p> <p>1.Chair 2.Vice Chair</p> <p>3.Secretary 4.Treasurer</p> <p>5.Additional Committee Members 6. Volunteers</p>	<p>The following agreed unanimously -</p> <p>1. Sue Jablonskas 2. Emma McCluskey. Emma to also be the champion for youth issues 3. Helen Jeffrey 4. No Nominations received for Treasurer. John Clark, who now lives outside the area, has agreed to continue as Treasurer until a suitably qualified and experienced resident replacement is identified. It was unanimously agreed that John Clark continue as Treasurer for the time being. .It was also unanimously agree to make a necessary amendment to the Constitution to allow this. None received One of the residents present said they are</p>	<p>4. Put feelers out enquiring whether a suitable resident replacement can be identified. Committee to approve changes to the constitution.</p>

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			happy to volunteer at events.	
2.	Treasurer and Chair Report	Copies of the Chair and Treasurer reports were circulated at the meeting and the Chair introduced these and answered questions regarding these. WAG thanks all the individuals and organisations that have supported WAG activities throughout the year. Thanks are recorded in the Treasurer's report to individuals and organisations who have contributed to WAG's finances enabling the events and activities to be delivered during 2023/2024.		
3.	Website costs and upgrade	A resident had submitted a costed proposal for the replacement and management of the website going forward.	Proposal agreed.	
4.	Grant applications	This had been discussed under item 2.		
5.	Former Community Church site	Diane Mortell from The Well Church joined the meeting. Diane confirmed she has retired from her previous role at the church but is still a volunteer. Diane expressed the disappointment of the Church Leadership Team that they were not approached by WAG prior to the application for the site to be identified as an Asset of Community Value. She said there could have been		

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		<p>a meeting to discuss this, possibility of purchasing or leasing the land.</p> <p>Diane made reference to the Church wanting to sell the land after moving to Bulwell with consideration being given to purchase a different local site (Lockwood Close Business Park and the Duke of St Albans Pub considered).</p> <p>A builder had expressed interest in purchasing the site but SAPC had objected to the Planning Permission being granted again.</p> <p>The Church has a desire for the site to be used and would still like a church presence on site if it was purchased for community use. Diane confirmed that the land is not covenanted, except under the church covenant.</p> <p>The Church is a charity and having planning permission for the site would have helped to fund a move to different premises.</p> <p>Diane referred to the 'indescribable' vandalism that the former church building and the site has experienced, including 3 arson attempts. She said nobody in the community had offered help/comments/assistance (or even a cup of tea when the building was burnt down.</p>		
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		<p>Diane referred to the fact that community facilities were previously available at Bigwood School (now The Oakwood Academy) and her advice was to hold the school accountable rather than WAG going after the Church land. The Schools/holding companies should be made to do more and should be open to the public out of school hours.</p> <p>WAG explained that after SAPC decided not to apply for the site to be an Asset of Community Value, it was suggested that WAG should submit the application, which it did. It wasn't WAG going after the church land. It is the only land available in the WAG area for locating a community facility.</p>		
6.	Minutes of Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 and matters arising	<p>Agree minutes as a correct record</p> <p>Any matters arising –</p>	Agreed	
7.	Residents' views, questions and new issues	<p>Crimes stats for May 2024 circulated</p> <p>A resident expressed said students of Oakwood Academy cause concern for some residents at home time and parking before and after school continue to cause issues in the area.</p>	<p>Circulated at the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair is due to meet WAG's contact at The Oakwood Academy and will raise these as concerns.</p>	

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8.	Date of the next meeting	Will be in the 1st Term of the new school year on the same date as the Governors meeting – Oakwood to confirm the date	<b><i>Post meeting note – the next meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm</i></b>	
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