

Warley Community Association – notes & actions from Open Meeting, Tues 25 June 2024

Number of attendees: 11

Number of apologies: 7 (names held by Secretary)

Actions & matters from previous meetings:

Apologies given by JW for the need to reschedule the meeting originally planned for the 18th June.

Police had been invited to attend to discuss speed issues and speed checks planned for later in the year – they have cancelled and will be coming to the next meeting instead. **Action: Secretary to aim to secure attendance at next meeting or otherwise get an update.**

Cllr Ashley Evans has sent apologies and asked for his actions to be carried forward. **Action: JW to send on list of actions carried forward below.**

JT updated on the blocked footpath – barriers have been removed, but the fallen wall has still not been repaired. Cllr Carr had enquired with the Council's Rights of Way team and was told there is still a problem with the landowner, which is not the cricket club. JT suggested the CA get in touch with Astley Association Football Club (presumably the landowner) about the repairs needed to make the path safe and possible longer-term improvements to the path. **Action: JW to contact Football Club.**

Jl has put together the calendar for 2025. **Action: Jl to circulate to everyone an advance copy.**

Report on CA Warley Walk:

JW reported that the CA walk was successful, with 6-7 families joining and an enjoyable time had by all. Thanks given to everyone who contributed to the event and marshalling.

Feedback given that the event wasn't publicised well enough and the posters were very text heavy and small text. Many weren't aware it was happening and some disappointment that more people weren't there. Suggestions made that we should make use of local Facebook groups to publicise activities: Warley and Sowerby Bridge groups are useful. **To note** for all future events and activities.

Feedback and suggestions also provided if the walk is run again:

- clues and answers should be on the same sheet
- provide a route map in advance to all marshals
- could the route be safer, sticking more to off-road paths
- making it more family-friendly and engaging for children
- involving a wider group of people in the community in the event's organisation, including ensuring families/children with different needs are included and considered.

Future CA events:

Plans in motion for a Barn Dance and Pie & Peas supper, 5 Oct. **Actions: JW to confirm availability of Church Hall for event and let JT know details. JT to do a poster and Facebook post publicising and asking for involvement. Working group meeting to take place 23rd July, 6.30pm, Maypole. JW to forward Facebook post to Chris.**

Rushbearing is on 7 Sept. Procession comes into the village. CA has a stand selling snacks. Usually enough help is on hand. **Action: Anyone interested in helping on the day to let Jl know.**

Next Warley Ward Forum meeting (with ward councillors) is at 5.30pm, 20 Sept.

Next edition of Warley Lantern:

To be published in late August. Will publicise forthcoming events. Contributions are invited and should go to Nigel Razzel.

Suggested we have a feature article on tackling speed and use this to ensure we have a follow-up from police. **Action: JW to follow-up with police and ask for a briefing prior to then. JT offered to write the article with info they provide.**

All were invited to contribute ideas and items to include in the Lantern.

Article & picture on memorial garden suggested – Warley Allotments Association got a £500 grant.

Action: Anita to do a few words and sent to Jools.

C/F actions for Cllr Evans:

Feedback awaited from Electoral Commission on proposed boundary changes. Calderdale Council to update WCA in early May. **Action: Cllr AE to update.**

Jl reported rumour that Warley Juniors will be taking on the cricket pitch for this summer. JW has had no response to enquiry to Council's legal officer about registering cricket pitch as possible community asset. **Action: Cllr AE to follow up.**

Cllr AE to look into the footpath closure and establish when it will reopen, if anything can be done to speed this up, and the potential for longer-term improvements to the path. **Action: Cllr AE**

Ongoing problem with blocked drain on Cliff Hill Lane reported – rest have been cleared but that one still an issue. **Action: Cllr AE to look into.**

Calderdale Council is doing an assessment to see if they can access land to clear up fly-tipping issue on Stock Lane. **Action: Cllr AE to keep WCA up-to-date.**

Previous issue raised about replacing Give Way sign at top of Windle Royd Lane with a Stop sign – Cllr AE confirmed this has not been followed up. **Action: Cllr AE to look into and update.**

The idea of placing signs around the recreation ground and allotments was raised asking owners to keep dogs on leads. WCA does not appear to hold documentation clarifying what rights it has to do this. We agreed to request to legal team in CC (Ian Hughes) to see/have a copy of the Covenant for the Recreation Ground to understand our rights with regards to putting up signage and making changes, and to look into who is the Executor of the Covenant. **Action: JW to enquire / Cllr AE to look into.**

Finance report:

£22.50 received through walk. £22.50 received through Chatty Café. Added to standing balance of £3,450 held in account.

JW noted that the CA is open to suggestions and ideas on activities to spend the money.

Warley Cricket Pitch:

Jl updated that the cricket club have signed up for another two years for using the pitch.

JT suggested we look into community asset registration directly rather than keep trying the council who have not responded still. **Action: JT to take up offer of advice from Fire & Water on the potential for registering cricket pitch as community asset. Gather info for October meeting to consider if the CA wish to move forward.**

Discussion on developing the CA and its inclusivity:

Suggestions made about collectively inputting into the agenda, publicising our meeting and event dates further in advance. **Action: JW to include standing item at the end of each meeting to ask for items for next meeting's agenda, and circulate an email 3 weeks ahead asking for agenda items.**

Publicise all future meetings for rest of the year – already in notice board and to add to Lantern.
Suggestion about informing school of future events.

Suggestion we consider what volunteering jobs we have that people can contribute to, of all types/scales – we can then better publicise the ways people can be involved. **Action: JW to allocate decent time to discussing volunteering jobs on next agenda.**

Suggestion: could we do introductions at the start of meetings and check why people have joined if they're new/observers.

AOB:

Thanks recorded to Caroline and Aiden Greenwood for all their support and involvement with the Community Association over the years.

No one has heard anything about the Winterburn. Worries that the Brewery might be selling up. **Action: Jl to write to Thwaites to enquire.**

Christine is taking over defibrillator checking outside the Peacock. **Action: Christine to seek advice from Aiden and then start picking this up.**

C/F - Look into getting the four Warley walks put on the website. **Action: Group to review and potentially update routes before putting online.**

Future meetings:

Next Open Meeting – 8 October 2024, 6.30pm, Maypole
AGM – 26 November 2024