

Notes from the Warley Community Association Open Meeting held at The Vandals Clubhouse 13th March 2023 commencing at 7 00pm

1 Welcome, Attendance & Apologies

In attendance: June Illingworth, Chris Crowther, Anita Kershaw, Glynn Kershaw, Chris Czainski, Jools Townsend, Cllr Ashley Evans, Stewart Wild, Anne Veal, Rev Caroline Greenwood, Paul Czainski, Stephen Daker and John White.

Apologies: Aiden Greenwood, Nigel Razzell, Jon Veal, Chris Davis, Sylvia Ketley and Kath.

John White welcomed attendees at the meeting and apologised to those who had attended a fortnight earlier at The Maypole when it was discovered the public house was closed resulting in the postponement of the meeting. As no replacement Chair had as yet been appointed, the meeting agreed to June Illingworth taking the Chair position.

2 Possible community celebration in connection with the Coronation of King Charles

The meeting agreed to take this item at the beginning of the meeting to enable those who specifically were in attendance solely for this agenda item to be able to leave afterwards if they so wished.

It was confirmed the National programme for the Coronation had been publicised as a three day celebration.

Saturday May 6th is the actual day of the Coronation ceremony which is being televised and there are planned large screens to be erected in a number of principle cities.

Sunday May 7th is to be a day of national celebrations including a special Coronation concert to be televised from Windsor Castle, a Coronation Big Lunch which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together. At Warley St John's there will be an informal Family based service at 10 15am followed by a bring and share big lunch in the Church Hall to which members of the community are invited to attend.

Monday May 8th is to be a day of celebration with particular emphasis being on encouragement and involvement of people connected with the voluntary sector. The day is being promoted as “The Big Help Out” and is being organised by The Together Coalition and a wide range of partners such as The Scouts, the Royal Voluntary Service and faith groups from across the UK. The Big Help Out is intended to highlight the positive impact volunteering has on communities across the nation.

The meeting had an open discussion about what possibly might take place on the Monday. A number of suggestions were aired including:-

- Having a community BBQ at The Vandals Clubhouse and grounds.
- Volunteers from The Vandals offered to manage the BBQ
- Possible cream teas/ other alternative buffet type food to be available
- Volunteers from WCA and St John’s to help in organising the food/warm drinks side.
- The Vandals to run their Bar
- Have a Bouncy Castle – consider best way to manage activity, possibly introduce a wrist band arrangement/maybe a family ticket for so many goes?
- Have Ice cream van
- Outside games to be organised by Anne and Chris from The Vandals
- Invite local voluntary community groups to be represented and possibly have displays to encourage local people to become involved?
- Under the theme of helping others perhaps have an ideas tree for people to put suggestions forward on

There was unanimous support shown to hold an event on the Monday as well as giving support to what was happening on the Sunday and allowing people the opportunity to link in TV wise with the actual Coronation ceremony on the Saturday.

A date for a planning meeting to move the ideas forward was agreed and The Vandals kindly offered their premises again for Monday the 27th March at 6 30pm as a venue.

3 Summary notes and matters arising from last meeting

Notes from the last meeting held in October 2022 were circulated at the time and any matters arising were included on the current evening agenda.

4 Finance report

In Nigel's absence John reported current funds were not greatly changed from the AGM last November when they stood at approx £2,500.

(Following the meeting Nigel provided an updated statement of account showing current balance year to date of £2,906.21.)

5 Warley Town Bus Service

Jools Townend was welcomed to the meeting who recently moved in to the area and had agreed to come and talk about the bus service that serves Warley Town. Jools carries out charity work connected with Community Rail Network. She doesn't have her own transport therefore uses public transport. The following facts were given by Jools in her address:-

- Possible threats to the level of service currently provided due to expected heavy cuts
- Current service is generally reliable, good, on time, friendly and low cost
- Cost of bus tickets are currently capped
- The numbers using the bus service is low
- Bus sector funding comes through the confederation of services who are due to carry out a review end of June, when possible cuts are expected
- 1 in 5 households are without a car and that is usually due to low income
- Sustainability is key to protecting services, need for climate targets for reducing car use
- "Transdef" Team Pennine serve the area along with First Bus

Jools was thanked for providing a current position statement on the bus service and she agreed to put a short article in the next issue of the Warley Lantern.

6 Warley Town safety and crime matters update

Cllr Evans updated the meeting on a number of issues that have been ongoing for some time for which he had received some positive news.

Police liaison have confirmed that the inappropriate behaviour that had been taking place in the village car park appeared to have now stopped following a period of close monitoring and offending vehicle being moved on.

The Council have confirmed that Village gateway calming measures are next being introduced at Mount Tabor and Warley Town are scheduled to be next area to follow for such measures to be introduced. Further, more speed tubes and traffic calming measures are scheduled for Windle Royd Lane.

Thank you to Ashley for all his efforts on behalf Warley Town residents.

7 Events and next issue of Warley Lantern

At the moment attention is focused on the arrangements for the Coronation celebrations but it is likely there will be events planned for Summer, Autumn and Winter.

There are provisional dates set for delivery of The Warley Lantern:-

W/c 10th April, W/c 31st July, W/c 2nd October and 20th November

8 Warley Calendar – 2023/2024

Last lot of calendar sales for 2023 have now been passed to the treasurer and there were 10 calendars unsold out of the 200 printed. Discussion about production of the 2024 calendar, costing and contribution of photographs – possible approach to a Senior School for involvement, sponsorship etc will be included on the April meeting agenda.

9 Future proposed open meeting dates and AGM 2023

4th April, 20th June, 3rd October and AGM 14th November – these are Tuesday dates to be confirmed by The Maypole.

10 Planned Litter Pick dates 2023

W/c 20th March (to 2nd April), W/c 3rd July, W/c 9th October and W/c 6th November.

11 AOB

An issue concerning dog walkers and the area of Blackwall Road/ Burnley Road was raised by Stewart.

The absence of a road crossing at the top of Tuel Lane was also raised by Stewart.

Both matters were referred to Cllr Evans to look in to.