

WCA OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Location: Maypole Inn

Date: 09/09/2025

Time: 18.30

Present: June Illingworth; Nigel Razzell; Christine Crowther; Anita Kershaw; Glynn Kershaw; John White; Paul Czainski; Jon Veal; Carole Leslie; Heather Spink and Tony Spink

Apologies: Cllr Abigail White; Cllr Ashley Evans; John Griffiths; Chris Czainski

Items

- I. See above for apologies. We welcomed new residents, Heather and Tony Spink.
- II. There were two sets of minutes which had been previously distributed. It had been stated that £500 of funding was accessed from the Warley Trust whereas it was from the Community Grant. The latter requires money to be spent and accounted for within a timescale (usually 6 months). The former tends to be matched funding with longer periods to spend the money.
- III. Finance Report. We currently have just over £4500 in the bank account. Of this, £500 is the grant for new compost bins, £500 is carry over from last year's Christmas Tree appeal and £415 for calendar expenses.
- IV. No updates have been received from the councillors or the police. It is understood that the police have been targeting unsocial motorbike riders by spraying them with DNA fluid. We are still waiting for the results of the spring (!) speed recording in Warley Town Lane. Councillors to be chased on this (JW).
- V. Upcoming tasks and events:
 - a. Next will be the clearing out of existing compost bins in the playground and their subsequent replacing with three new wooden bins. June has lined someone up to build the new bins. It was decided that this will take place on 18th October from 9am. It will be advertised in the usual places and by posters to try and encourage as many people as possible from the village to come and get free compost. (JI)
 - b. The next Warley Lantern will be produced (NR) to be published just before the bin emptying. It will include a review of the VE/VJ Day event, advert from Grosvenors (Jon to get this; an update from The Vandals (Jon); Details of Remembrance Day and Christmas events. All copy *no later than* 9th October, preferably before.
 - c. Remembrance Day event is on Sunday 9th November. Starts in the village at 10.45.
 - d. Christmas event will be on Saturday 6th December. Marquee at the Maypole is reserved. Chris is hoping to extend the event somehow to bring the pub itself more into the proceedings. Road closure to be requested nearer the time (JI).

- e. Christmas Tree purchase. The cost will be £225 for the tree (we need to see if Chris is willing to buy it again) and the council charge will be £908. We still have £500 but it would be good to start fundraising for it when calendars are sold.
- f. Calendar 2026. We have printed 120 of these this year which is about 30 less than last year. Probably as well as there was no opportunity to sell them at Rushbearing where we usually shift about 30! QR CODES are available for those selling them so that people can use their phones to buy rather than cash, if they prefer. Calendars available from Nigel. June will get a poster design based on previous designs and Carole has agreed to print and laminate them.

VI. AOB

- a. Rushbearing was discussed, and it was generally agreed that having the Warley event at the Winterburn was not satisfactory. There was insufficient room for the dancers and actors on the road, and the audience could mostly not see or hear what was going on. Additionally, the availability of drinks from the pub was too constrained which, along with us not providing our usual food and soft drink stall, somewhat reduced the impact of the proceedings. **Jon and John W** will feedback to the Rushbearing committee in the coming weeks.
- b. Defibrillators: Monitoring the one at the Peacock still needs to be assigned now that Stephen has left the village. Christine has said she will talk to the landlord there. (CC)

VII. Next Meetings. Tuesday 21st October at the Maypole (unless we can't use the upstairs!). AGM will now be MONDAY 17/11 at the Vandals.

Action Items **Owner(s)**

IV	John White
V(a)	June
V(b)	Nigel / Jon
V(d)	June
VI (a)	Jon White & Jon Veal
VI(b)	Christine Crowther