

## WHITWELL ACTION GROUP

### Minutes of meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 @ Whitwell Community Centre

Present: April Nicholas (Chair), Joan Wilkinson (Treasurer), Robin Slaney, Cllr. George Webster, Cllr. Viv Mills, Margaret Beeston, Cynthia Pollinson, Sue Pond, Fee Unwin

Apologies: Wayne Hatton, Colin Machin, Barbara Hancock, John Hancock, Janine Atkinson

Approval of previous minutes: Minutes of meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were agreed with the following amendments; Cynthia's surname is spelt Rollinson; lead from the church has been stolen 8 times, parts of the roof will be replaced with lead and the remainder with steel and painted lead colour; the £50 grant received was via Cllr. Mills Section 137 monies not the Parish Council. Proposed - MB Seconded - VM

Volunteers: John Scott has registered his intention to resign from the committee but will still attend meetings. There is an urgent need to recruit additional volunteers. Currently 41 groups use the Whitwell Centre facility, volunteers could potentially be attracted from this source for project sub groups. Action: GW to raise at user group meeting and provide article for Grass Routes (local press). VM to contact officer at Bolsover District Council responsible for Community/Voluntary directory.

Website is being updated monthly to include minutes of previous meetings – members urged to log on.

### Matters Arising

- AN, with help from CVP worker Janine, has re-submitted the application to the Parish Council for additional welcome pack funding.
- Identification of future projects via CVP Local Voices document to be carried forward as a future action/agenda item.
- Low Pit Lane Project – too time consuming to pursue at the present time.
- Attendance of PCSO at WAG meetings – action point to be carried forward – AN.
- Steve Randolph to speak at a future meeting re his role in the community – action point to be carried forward – AN.
- Date for summer gala – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008.

### Room Charge Update

Whitwell Centre Management Committee have agreed an additional 12 months free use of the room for WAG meetings. It was agreed a letter of thanks be sent to the committee. Action – AN

### Website Update Suggestions

Whitwell.com provides a link to individual groups. Suggestions tabled were:

- Possible improvement to cosmetic look of our site.
- Could be more user friendly.

Further feedback needed from ALL group members.

### Cycle Path Update

Nick Oldfield had approached WAG re exploring the possibility of a cycle path between Hodthorpe Bridge and Steetley. The land covenant is causing difficulties in progressing this project, although relocating the path to the opposite side of the railway may be a possibility. NO exploring possibilities

### Sub Group Update

AN circulated a report in the absence of WH and CM.

- Land off Franklin, Bakestone Moor – comments from Bolsover District Council planning department re other possible uses of the site is being awaited.
- Arts & Cultural Sub Group – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December to discuss policy, promotion, marketing, funding and programme events for 2008.

First music gig held at Boot & Shoe was a success. Donation made by landlord. WAG now signed up with 'Live & Local' which will come on stream from September 2008. New Perspectives Theatre Company could possibly fill gaps left in spring and summer months.

Film club likely to start early in the New Year.

### Treasurers Report

Current balance £375.

### AGM

To be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008, 6.00pm at Whitwell Centre. Posters to be circulated. Action: JW

New draft constitution to be circulated to members and put on agenda for adoption at AGM. Policies, CRB check etc to be discussed in New Year.

Next Years Meeting Dates - First Wednesday in the month, except for November when the meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to avoid clashing with Bonfire Night. NB There are no meetings scheduled for January or August.

CVP Update

WAG to submit apologies for next weeks CVP meeting – no member available to attend.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm

**Next meeting: AGM – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2008 followed by usual meeting at 7pm**