

Minutes of the W.A.G. meeting held 7pm 6th February 2008

Attendees: April Nicholas (Chair), Joan Wilkinson (Treasurer) Councillor G Webster, Councillor V Mills, Wayne Hatton, Colin Machin, Margaret Beeston, Robin Slaney, Fee Unwin (C.V.P.), Doreen Potts (H.A.G.)

Apologies: John & Barbara Hancock

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. Advised re the resignation of Barbara Hancock due to family health issues and reiterated the importance of further member recruitment.

In view of John & Barbara not attending for the foreseeable future, the Welcome Pack is now on hold. £50 refunded to the Parish Council and agreed by all in attendance that any remaining funding can support the W.A.G. Promotions (sub group).

(Above 2 paragraphs also included in AGM minutes).

It was agreed that until further member support received, the Forum will continue purely to support the Sub Group activities with no additional projects being undertaken. This is forced as a result of limited time availability of current members.

December minutes were recorded as a true record by JW, 2nd by WH.

AYN to contact webmaster regarding the publicising of our Sub Group.

Update on land acquisition at Bakestone Moor: Council have decided not to offer a long term lease. CLOSED

WH gave update on sub group activity: Attended the Whitwell Community Centre Management Committee meeting (WCCMC) to present our ideas and this was well received (comment from MB based on feedback after the meeting). Appeared to be some confusion as Cnclr G Webster understood WH to have request a copy of the minutes from this meeting but in actual fact, Wayne just needed confirmation of room availability to consider for future bookings of artists. The first artists are due at the Boot & Shoe on Sat 9th Feb (First Pocket Last + support act). It has been agreed that artist bookings will try to be secured for the 2nd & 4th Saturdays in each month with venues to be confirmed. Artists have been booked up to the end April with advertising now being required (initially via website and possibly whitwell.com). **AYN to arrange.**

Further meeting arranged with 'Live & Local' on 27th Feb to discuss available menu of acts and these will run from Autumn to Spring.

WAG Promotions also have lines of communication open with 'New Prospective Theatre Group' who could fill the Spring to Autumn gap and in view of them being a new organisation, they have offered to pay up front for our 1st act booked and stand any losses, which is a very generous offer and appreciated by WAG.

D Potts welcomed as guest speaker and Doreen kindly shared her experience in terms of trying to recruit new members. It was acknowledged that Whitwell is a completely

different community to Whitwell but Fee Unwin also added that WAG should take stock of our achievements to date and be proud of what we have managed. DP also suggested we should try and attend more functions where the main fund providers are to discuss opportunities.

FU mentioned the Youth Opportunity Fund and this an area for **WH to consider**

Whitwell Gala takes place on July 5th and RS kindly agreed to man a stand for WAG. **AN also to add agenda item to March meeting to discuss this further**

FU advised future CVP attendance at meetings would be strictly by appointment only and subject to availability.

Next meeting: 7pm Wed 5th March. AN issued apologies for this meeting.