

Attendees Roger Long (Chairman), John Bartley (Secretary), Pat Stacy (Library Rep), Pamela Long (Publicity), Pete Holden (District Council), Mike Holloway (other Groups Liaison), Jenny Winslade (Buses), Alex Clarke (Parish Council).

1. Apologies Irene Clements, Steve Hunt (Youth), Donna Marlborough (Vice Chairman & Treasurer).

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Irene had expressed a wish to relinquish the role of Chairman because of outside business pressures, but she still wished to remain as a member of the LAG.

John advised that he had received nominations for Roger as Chairman and for Donna to take over as Vice Chairman, in addition to her role as Treasurer. There being no other nominations the matter was put to a vote of confirmation which was **agreed unanimously**.

3. Review of Previous Minutes.

These were agreed and signed by Roger.

Outstanding Actions.

Item 6. John reported that the wording of the Parish Council letter regarding overhanging trees/hedges is being reviewed. **Item closed**

All previous actions had either been completed or were dealt with under this Agenda.

4 Correspondence

None apart from e mail from EDDC Community Partnership, which was dealt with under Agenda item 6.

5. Update re Amber Group progress

A review of the minutes from the Amber Group meeting of 24th July resulted in the following actions being **agreed**

Action Plan point 6. John advised that he had added the provision of public toilets to the wish list regarding the possible redevelopment of the Memorial Hall site and the developers had taken this away for consideration. **ACTION.** John to update LAG and Parish Council regarding any progress.

Point 9. The LAG has suggested that the cluster of Victorian buildings in Station Road opposite the Memorial Hall, and the houses surrounding the green space at Moorlands Rise, be added to the list of Special Character areas in the village.

ACTION. Alex to see if Parish Council will pursue this matter with EDDC.

Point 43. Allotments have been suggested as a possible use for the redundant Playing field at Canterbury Close. A few people have enquired about allotments in the past but no records exist of how many people might be interested. **ACTION.** Pam to ask the W.M. Directory to publish a small notice asking for anyone interested to contact the LAG, to place a similar notice on the community notice board in Station Road and one on the village web site.

Point 44. Better Christmas lights. It was felt that this had been largely achieved. The school competition to design a new decoration for the village is being organised by the Parish Council **ACTION.** John to confirm with Steve as to whether the Village Christmas Carol evening was being held this year and to ask the Parish Council what progress was being made regarding the competition.

Point 46. This item was dealt with as Agenda item 7.

Point 47. The establishment of a Community Association **ACTION.** Drop item from Parish Plan as the action has been largely achieved by the LAG and no other group has come forward to take on this role.

Point 50 Graffiti wall- Although approved by the Parish Council there are some misgivings about having this installed and the project has stalled. **ACTION.** Alex to raise the subject with the Parish Council to see if this item should now be dropped from the Action Plan.

5. Attendance at Parish Plan Action Week 1st-5th Sep.

This being organised by East Dorset Community Partnership. **It was agreed** that the under mentioned would attend the following events.

Parish Plan event at Witchampton on 1st at 7.30pm- Pete and John.

Community Safety at Heatherlands Community Centre on 2nd at 1.30pm –Jenny and Pamela.

Transport at Moors Valley on 3rd at 10am- Pamela and Roger.

Health on 3rd at Allendale Centre Wimborne at 2pm- Jenny.

Spatial planning on 4th at EDDC Furzehill at 10am- Mike.

Housing on 3rd at East Dorset Housing Ass. Ferndown at 2pm- Mike

Environment on 5th at Cranborne Village Hall at 2pm- Pete.

There is a further event on **Youth** at Heathlands Community Centre at 10am. **ACTION** John to contact Steve to see if he is able to attend.

ACTION. John to make these bookings with East Dorset Community Partnership.

6. Proposed Drop in Centre for the elderly.

John advised that the Memorial Hall had agreed with Brendon Care, a local charity, for them to run a club for the elderly each Tuesday afternoon at the Hall. This is due to commence on 18th October. The idea is to target people who are normally housebound by arranging transportation to and from the venue. **It was agreed** that this would go some way to meet Action Plan point 46 and was something that should be encouraged.

7. Support/promotion of new actions post Parish Plan.

Notes accompanying the Community Partnership Action Week make it clear that Local Action Groups are to be encouraged to continue to find areas for improvements to village life, even after their Parish Plans are published.

Improving Maintenance arrangements for the Petwyn and Cemetery were mentioned as items needing attention and Alex advised that the Parish Council were recruiting an extra part time grounds man which should help with this problem. The Parish Council Amenities Committee is also looking at various suggestions, including the provision of raised flower beds. **ACTION.** John, as a member of the Amenities Committee, to report any progress.

Another potential issue was the provision of a pedestrian crossing between St Mary's 1st School and the Memorial Hall car park where parents park when delivering/collecting pupils. **It was agreed** that this was an item to be pursued, especially as the Police had advised that the school were keen to get a crossing attendant for this area. **ACTION.** John to ask the Parish Council Highways Committee if they would back this proposal, and then see if the Hall Council, Police, Medical Centre and EDDC would lend their support. It was pointed out that this is also a crossing point for the Castleman trail way.

8) Items for next Amber Group meeting. No other items in addition to the ideas and suggestions covered by these minutes.

10) AOB Pat advised that the reduction in Library opening hours from 28 to 20 per week is scheduled to commence in November. The new RDIF computer system is due to be installed next March and the number of librarians is being reduced from three to two. The Librarians would like the new system installed a.s.a.p. **ACTION.** Alex to ask the Parish Council to make a formal request to Dorset CC to have the RDIF system installed at the earliest date.

11) Next Meeting. Thursday 18th September 2pm West Moors Memorial Hall

The meeting ended at 4.20pm.

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