

Minutes of the Meeting of the Westcroft Resident's Association held at Westcroft Meeting Place on Wednesday 24th January.

7:30 Meeting commenced

Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those attending. He specifically welcomed the visitors. Martin Snell; Borough Councillor; Iain Stewart; Parsh Councillor and Conservative Candidate at the next General Election, and Gerald Small; Parish Councillor and Conservative candidate for Borough Councillor in May.

Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Henrik Lindberg (Vice Chairman) and Rosemary Drewett (Borough Councillor)

Present:

As per the attendance list.

Visitors:

Borough Councillors Rosemary Drewett and Stuart Burke: Claire Baker Volunteer co-ordinator for Thames Valley Police.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as an accurate record.

Visitors:

The visitors were invited to say a few words on their roles and were invited to stay for the meeting if prior commitments permitted. Ian, Gerald and Martin said a few words on their responsibilities.

Financial Report:

We still had to open a bank account as NatWest Bank is being rather awkward with the signatories with regards to their identification papers. We have had about £300.00 pounds in as a result of donations and have spent about £100.00.

Chairman's Report:

Russell Collins gave a brief breakdown on what he had done to date. He had met with the Assistance Manager of the Nut and Squirrel for assistance in fund raising matters etc. and had written to him. Russell would be writing to the Police to ask for a representative to attend the next meeting to discuss Police Issues with the members. Russell would also be writing to Dr. Phyllis Starkey the M.P. to invite her to address the Association at the March meeting. The April Meeting would be given over to the candidates in the forthcoming local elections.

Sub Committees:

Howard Leonard is to co-ordinate issues relating to builders and developers. He asked for help with this. After the break out sessions he said a few words on the way forward.

Ruth Tudhope is to co-ordinate the social aspect of Westcroft and after the break out session put forward a few ideas.

Mandy Cranston is to co-ordinate the setting up of a youth forum for the area and after the break out session said a few words on what she would do next.

Any Other Business: The first newsletter had gone out and had been very well received. Gerald Small did say that it did not appear to have gone to the older part of Westcroft. Gerald was correct in this and the older part of Westcroft would be included in future leaflet drops.

Issues to be considered at a later date include..

- Setting a membership subscription and setting up a subscription scheme with standing order payments.
- Carry out some sort of regular fund raising events.
- Registering the WRA as a Charity.
- Set up a communication strategy involving web page, notice boards, local media and newsletter.
- Invite Council Officials to meetings so that they can answer questions directly.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm