

Withernwick Community Association Meeting Minutes
held on Monday 7th September at 8:00 pm

Committee Members

Joanne Arnett
Julia Beevers
Val Harrison
Charles Sharp
Mike Soper
Sue Voase
Carol Wilkie
John Witty

- 1 Formation of the Committee
In response to the summer letter drop regarding the formation of the Withernwick Village Association 12 kind individuals put themselves forward to be part of the Committee. From these people eight individuals confirmed their appointment. Above is a list of the committee members.

- 2 Committee Members Responsibilities
The following committee members were assigned specific responsibilities these being; - Chairperson - Mike Soper, Vice Chairperson – Joann Arnett, Treasurer & Secretary – Sue Voase

- 3 Association Name
Withernwick Community Association was adopted as the Association name

- 4 Association Bank Account & Finances
In order to open a bank account Mike Soper, Julia Beevers and Sue Voase were nominated to sign cheques etc. A bank account will be opened in due course when the remaining funds from the Withernwick Village Hall account will be added. Sue Voase will audit the existing funds and report the accounts at the next meeting.

- 5 Association Objectives
To determine the object of the Association the committee looked at the Great Hatfield and Goxhill Community Trust Objectives. Mike Soper suggested that the Association should raise funds and facilitate events and activities for the benefit of the Withernwick community with the ultimate aim of providing a Community building (not necessarily on the same site as the existing hall). The Association should also provide support and assistance to existing Withernwick community groups. Matthew Grove suggested that the committee might wish to consider environmental improvement as one of the objectives. The Committee members are to consider the objectives further, reporting back at the next meeting.

6 Planned Events

Prior to the formation of the committee some events have been in the pipeline, these being; -

- a. Fundraising Calendar in aid of Everyman male cancer charity
- b. Sponsored walk on Sunday 11th October to launch the calendar
- c. Children's Halloween Party (Julia Beevers to take the lead)
- d. Christmas Fayre (Dawn Dickinson to take the lead)
- e. Children's Christmas Party (Julia Beevers to take the lead)
- f. Easter Walking Treasure/Easter Egg Hunt
- g. Village Fete

The Association agreed to support these events and allocated a budget of £40 to the Halloween Party and a maximum budget of £400 to the Children's Christmas Party. Dawn Dickinson is to present the Christmas Fayre idea at the next meeting. With regards to the calendar, considerable headway has been made, Dawn Dickinson is to arrange printing, Sue Voase to seek sponsorship from local businesses and Julia Beevers to co-ordinate the promotion and sponsored walk launch event.

7 Association Marquee

Following the village fete, the Association now has a marquee that is available for hire to the community for a charge of £20 per weekend. Rules for the hire are to be considered to protect the Association's position.

8 Association Constitution

A constitution is required; members are to look at other association's constitutions with a view to producing the document.

9 Any Other Business

- a. Matthew Grove paid tribute to those involved in firstly campaigning to save the Falcon and secondly in the resurrection of the Withernwick Village Fete.
- b. Mike Soper suggested that if an additional marquee could be bought at a discounted rate then this would be prudent, the committee agreed.
- c. It was suggested that the village would benefit from a Christmas tree; Matthew Grove suggested that in the first instance the Parish Council should consider this request.
- d. Charles Sharp enquired as to a water supply for the burial ground. This will also be raised at the Parish Council however it is anticipated that the installation cost would outweigh the benefit and a tap may be open to abuse to the more curious members of the community.

- 10 Future meetings are to be held on the last Monday of the month, therefore the next meeting will be on Monday 28th September at 8pm at the Falcon Inn.