

WEST MOORS HOME WATCH

Minutes of a Meeting on Thursday 19th July 2018

Those Present: Committee Members Roger Long, David Barrett, Sylvia Barrett, Phil Warn, Carol Cox, Phil Cox, Malcolm Adam. Pamela Long also attended as Roger Long's assistant.

1. The Meeting was opened by the Chairman who welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Committee. He advised that he wished to move his Report to follow the Membership Secretary's Report.
2. There were apologies for absence from Dorset Police NPT.
3. The Secretary gave a Synopsis of meetings of the Committee running through April and May of this Year. A copy is attached to these Minutes.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. The Treasurer presented her report which is attached to these minutes. Arising from this there was a discussion concerning subscriptions in year 2019/20. In conclusion it was Proposed by Phil Warn that subscriptions should remain at £1. This was Seconded by Sylvia Barrett and it was passed unanimously.
6. Phil Warn presented his report as Membership Secretary and opened by apologising for understating membership numbers by 50 at the AGM. Phil stated that the true figures were 1419 Members and 83 Coordinators. Phil promised to have updated figures after he meets with Steve Machin, the Coordinator for St Leonards Farm Park. Phil outlined his objectives to achieve an 80% to 90% Watch membership by working with Coordinators and Super Coordinators to identify where the gaps (of non -members are). He will start with Pinehurst Road, Uplands Road and his own 'patch' (Pinehurst Park) where only 50 % of households are Watch members. Phil asked for more membership cards to be provided and lastly queried whether an identity tag of some kind could be provided for himself and coordinators when knocking on doors. Everyone thought this was a good idea and Roger produced several examples. There was discussion as to who would sign as authorising the identity card as the Police have declined to do so in the past. The Committee thought that Roger could sign as Watch Chairman. David took one of Roger's tags to evaluate production of one for our Watch.
7. Roger presented a lengthy report which explained the effort made to rejuvenate the WMHW. A number of new Coordinators were recruited and he had confirmed potential new Committee Members to make up his "new team" post AGM. At the Pre-AGM meeting on 17th May, this new team met with the "old team" and among other business, confirmed officer posts ready for the AGM. It was therefore disappointing that before the AGM the Vice Chairman Karl Osborne resigned and Kev Binnings resigned from the Committee but remains a Coordinator. Roger then asked David how he was progressing with the next issue of the Newsletter? David replied that he had contacted previous Editor Angela Peskett as to which publishing software she had used. This was Microsoft Office Professional with add on "Publisher". At this point Carol Cox interjected to comment that Publisher was inappropriate and that Microsoft Word is

much more suitable. It being obvious that Carol is more knowledgeable and conversant with desk top publishing than any other Committee Member she was asked to take on Editorship of Newsletters with Roger and Pamela providing content. This she agreed to do.

Post Meeting Note: Roger/Pamela and Carol had the Newsletter content gathered, edited, published and printed by 1st week of August. A remarkable achievement.

8. A.O.B.

Malcolm Adam has confirmed, post meeting, that he has completed an inventory of all signage and has a map of them all and that all have been cleaned, repaired or replaced. Whilst collecting his inventory Malcolm observed that there is considerable litter on the village streets. It was suggested that a Home Watch focus group be set up to liaise with the parish Council on such matters.

Sylvia suggested that Pamela be co opted onto the Committee to act as Publicity Officer. This was proposed by Phil Cox and seconded by Phil Warn and was agreed by the Committee.

The meeting closed at 15.55hrs.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 16th October

West Moors Home Watch Memorial Hall Bookings
& Committee Meeting Dates, 2019

Thursday 17th January Small Hall 1430 to 1630.

Thursday 18th April Small Hall 1430 to 1630.

Thursday 9th May Small Hall 1430 to 1630.

Wednesday 12th June Both Halls 1900 to 2100. (AGM)

Thursday 18th July Small Hall 1430 to 1630.

Thursday 17th October Small Hall 1430 to 1630.

Synopsis of April and May 2018 Home Watch Meetings

When a number of Committee members at the October 2017 meeting gave notice of quitting the Watch at the 2018 AGM, it became necessary to seek more committee members.

Various pleas in news letters and local press were fruitless and it became obvious that the Watch would be wound up at the AGM.

In the background, approaches were made to Roger to return as Chairman. Reluctantly and to save the Watch Roger met on March 23rd with the then officers and he laid out his conditions for returning. I leave Roger to cover that.

Along with Roger's return, A last warning notice of closure was broadcast and the April 7th meeting of the Committee declared open to all who wished to save the Watch.

The Open Meeting was a revelation! Over 25 people attended. You were all at that meeting so suffice to say that a number of people volunteered as Coordinators and Roger was able to report that he had recruited prospective officers. Some of you also volunteered and so are here now.

In a somewhat chaotic ending, some sitting Committee members brought forward their resignations to allow co-opting of new members immediately.

On 17th May the new Committee met, with the "old" committee as observer/facilitators, to discuss the AGM. Here Angela Peskett gave a flip chart presentation on the National and local Watch organization, and Roger outlined his new team and their duties. The organisation of the AGM was discussed and tasks allocated.