

WPRA AGM Minutes 13th October 2018

2pm, Garage of number 79.

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Present: Margaret, John, Alan Spalding, Pip Haydock, Tom Costello, David Houston (Chair), Pauline McLaren, Jill Simpson.

Apologies: Derek Grant, Euan and Zoe (no 10), Claire (no 7)

Thanks to Margaret and John for hosting us in their garage due to inclement weather.

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. Pauline noted that tree cuttings must be removed from the common woodland. David said that he had removed some but would check it there was any more that he had missed.

2. Chair's Report (see report for full details)

- There was a good clear-up last year.
- The compost bin was dismantled by David and the compost eventually removed by Tiphereth. Thankfully there's been no dumping. Thanks to Pip for the notices. David used some of the dismantled wood to reinforce the safety fence above the culverts at the end of the watercourse. There has been a general improvement in garden waste/fly tipping. Pauline and Tom have done some clearing along the wall. Vigilance is required with the new paid garden waste system.
- David has made contact with the Catholic church re the depressions in the cemetery. These depressions will be filled in by the gardener.
- Following 2016 culvert work by the council, the larger culvert is blocked but the smaller one was running fine. Constant checking is required to remove wood from going through. Thanks to Chris and Jim for their work in clearing the watercourse.
- Lodge at Woodhall Road requested permission to plant 2 Rowan trees in the WPRA land alongside their fence. This was agreed.
- Fencing – thanks to John Sim at no 2 for fixing the common fence near his property.
- Use of woods by builder at rear or no 11. Wall was damaged and cost of repairs met by builder. Pavement appears fine. Also, significant wall damage from car incident. Cost £1,500 to fix. Money not yet recovered from vehicle owner at Woodhall Bank.
- Roads and pavements half done in 2017, more pavement work to commence in Nov 2018. Potholes in the road should be fixed next year.
- Thanks to Neil Duffy for the website work, to Jill/Pip/Micaela for the facebook group and Pip for the posters.
- Thanks to David for his work as chair.

3. Tree Report (see tree report for full details)

- Derek quickly responded to the tree that was in the way of buses.
- Tree close to road was removed safely by organising traffic ourselves.
- Willow at no 9 and trees behind no 2-12 also need dealt with.
- Thanks to Derek for his ongoing work.

4. Woodland Events

- Winter Wonderland Date to be set.
- Easter one to be organised too.

5. Accounts

- Up to 31/3/18 – three houses outstanding, including one from 16/17.
- The accounts were audited in May, thanks to Neil for doing that.
- Thanks to Alan for several years as treasurer - Pip ready to take over for next year.

6. AOCB

- Please could residents park with consideration, particularly at the entrance to Woodfield Park.
- Pip has done a tidy up and some planting by the grit bin at the woods entrance near No 48.
- There is a tree root causing slabs to rise and causing a trip hazard near the middle entrance to the woods. [Chris and David have now dealt with this.]
- Residents were asked to care for the road/pavement near their homes by weeding where necessary.

7. Election of Committee

- Neil – auditor
- Pip – treasurer (for one year)
- Jill – secretary
- David – chair
- Derek and Micaela re-elected

Thanks to all for attending.