

Westbury Leigh Village Association

*Minutes of meeting held 7pm 8 June 2007
Westbury Leigh Community Hall*

Present: 19 residents
2 Police/Community Support Officers (Nick Holt, Mat Stewart)

1 *Objective of meeting*

Nick Sherwood set the context by explaining that there had been two previous meetings: an initial informal meeting at Ian and Sue Taylor's home to raise the idea of an Association and then a meeting for all residents to gauge interest (with an attendance of about 30).

The objective of the current meeting was to put the Association on a semi-formal footing, with officers elected for a 6-month period. At the end of 6 months the future of the Association would be reviewed and if there was sufficient interest for it to continue, there would be another election of officers.

2 *Election of officers*

The following officers were elected for 6 months:

Chairman: Nick Sherwood
Treasurer: Sue Taylor
Secretary: Angela Graham-Leigh

3 *Association meetings*

Formal meetings will be held every 5-6 weeks. The meetings will be open to all residents and used for reporting back on activities and generally getting to know each other. It was suggested that there should be a social content, possibly combined with talks on matters of local interest.

Groups of people working on specific issues will arrange their own meetings as required.

Action:

Ian Taylor to propose to the Community Hall Committee that the use of the hall should be free of charge for Association meetings and events

4 *Newsletter*

Thanks were given to the contributors to and distributors of the first newsletter. Ed Coleman will be the editor of the next edition.

It was agreed that the newsletter should be distributed about 2 weeks before an Association meeting and concentrate on a single theme. The theme for the next newsletter will be the car park and/or traffic in general.

Nick Holt volunteered to provide help with distribution.

5 *Finance*

The first newsletter cost c£26 and hire of the hall for the meeting £19. Donations of about £1 per attendee were invited to help cover these costs.

Action:

Sue Taylor to investigate possible sources of funding (eg Town Council, advertisements in the newsletter).

Nick Holt to provide information on help that can be provided by the District Council.

6 *Survey*

It was proposed to include a questionnaire on “what matters to residents of Westbury Leigh” with the next newsletter. After discussion it was agreed that it would be better to encourage people to offer their opinions on the topics covered in each newsletter.

7 *Local issues*

Issues that will be of interest/concern to most residents include:

- Car park
- Traffic/traffic calming
- Footpaths
- Upkeep of street
- Village shop
- Social events
- Anti-social behaviour

It was reported that planning permission has been granted for 62 houses on the Black Horse Lane site. A public enquiry will be held in August, but only on administrative matters – it will not affect the planning permission.

There was discussion on anti-social behaviour by customers of The Hollies. It was generally felt that this had become more of a problem recently. Nick Holt reported that he met the landlord regularly and would talk to him about noise levels. If there are any specific incidents, report them to the police and Nick will investigate them and raise them with the landlord if appropriate.

8 *Communications*

Webspace has been acquired for the Association with the domain name

www.westbury-leigh.co.uk. The website needs to be built and an email address set up. It should then be linked to the Town Forum and the Community Hall website (www.westbury-leigh-community-hall.org.uk).

Meetings and events can be advertised by email and notices (eg on telegraph poles) as well as house to house distribution.

Action:

Ian Taylor and Fer Pidden to propose to the Community Hall Committee that the Association should be allowed to use the hall noticeboards and, if possible, the hall as a postal address.

9 *Any other business*

Action:

Everyone to think about ideas for social events

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.