

## Westminster Park Residents' Association

### Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at Westminster Park Community Centre

#### MINUTES

1. **Present:** 70 residents (see separate list) plus Jeremy Owens CWaC

**Apologies:** David and Gill Guyton, Sue Britton.

Brian welcomed a good turnout and said that the intention was to deal with AGM business promptly so Jeremy Owens could speak about the Wrexham Road Development.

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** agreed as a true record.

3. **Matters arising:** nothing raised.

4. **Chairman's report:** The WPRA was formed 16 years ago to represent the residents of Westminster Park, 1200 households approx., the purpose being to improve the quality of life for the residents with the help of the Committee. Many thanks to all who have helped.

On behalf of the Committee I thank David Pilling for taking over as Chairman in the summer of 2012 until his retirement on health grounds last year when I took over. On behalf of everyone I would like to present a gift to David in appreciation.

I would also like to thank Mary Pole for editing the newsletter for 13 years (52 out of 64 issues) until the end of last year. There is still a vacancy for an editor.

Thanks are also due to Neil Sullivan and Razia Daniels, our Councillors with whom we work closely and CPSO Chris Fox who has been with us for six years.

The past year has involved us with: The Care and Community homes in Vincent Drive which were causing some problems which Nick Ryan took on as a link between residents and the management of the homes and by and large the problems have been sorted.

We have held a couple of social functions, the next one is a Quiz on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

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David Pilling had taken on the Christmas festivities organising the Christmas lights switch on with the school, the local shops have been supportive with Francis Thomas supplying Christmas trees, Stuart Bebbington sausages and the Co-op rolls and mince pies.

We have various sub-groups including Evergreens the over 60s club which is very successful and active, started by Sandra Magilton and Allan Stobie; also the Gardening Club which holds two meetings a year and an outing. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May with Andrew Johnson talking about hanging baskets. They have been responsible for the daffodils planted locally around the Estate.

The Front Garden competition for all houses on the Estate was a Spring garden competition this year. Winners are:

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	:	Stella Brown, 33 Rowcliffe Avenue
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	:	Alison McLellan, 16 Boxmoor Close
Winner	:	Ray and Janet Williams, 23 Rushfield Road.

Neil Sullivan (Councillor) convened a meeting re the 'new homes bonus' which is money to be spent in the Community where new houses are built. £24,500 has been allocated to the Handbridge Park ward. This will be discussed further at a meeting to be held after the Election.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** I would like to start by thanking the Independent Examiner of the Annual Report Tony Travers of Henry R Davis & Co., Accountants, Queensferry for his time in reviewing the annual accounts.

Subs of £804 represents 402 members, the highest ever.

The two enjoyable social events, a WW1 Musical Evening plus a Bangers & Beer evening showed a small surplus.

The 'best kept garden' competition was again held with vouchers to value of £110 being awarded, also further bulb planting costing £83 took place.

The switch on of the Christmas Tree & Lights only cost £5 due to a grant of £567 from the budget of our CWAC local councillors plus support from our local shops.

The Evergreen sub-group continues to have numerous activities and is managed by an active committee with a total surplus of £985 being carried forward for their future use.

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Expenditure was lower by £113 mainly the Newsletter £88.

Overall a surplus for 2014 of £129 with the Bank & Cash balance remaining healthy at over £2,000

There were no questions raised regarding the accounts.

6. **Election of Officers:** Penny read out the makeup of the Committee for 2015/6 as follows:

Chairman : Brian Westcott

Vice Chair : Pauline Brown

Secretary : Penny White

Treasurer : Nick Ryan

Proposed by Sandra Magilton, seconded by Peter Cocker

Thanks were given to Mandy and Derek Butler who are leaving the Committee, for their support over the past year.

Editor : Vacancy

Website Co-ordinator : Dave Craggs

Committee Member : Olwen Bellis

Committee Member : Susan Eva

Committee Member : Sandra Magilton

Committee Member : Richard Short

Committee Member : Sue Britton

New members:

Committee Member : Richard Lewis

Committee Member : Rosemary Mason

Proposed by Christine Westcott, seconded by Brian Westcott.

7. **Any Other Business:** nothing raised.

8. **Wrexham Road Development and works near Sherbourne Avenue.**

There followed an informal discussion and question and answer session with Jeremy Owens, CWaC Spatial Planning and Strategic Transport Manager which was not minuted.

Appendix

List of attendees