



Meeting Minutes

Held at: Devil's Kneading Trough

Date: Wednesday 26th April 2006

Present: Ann Sutherland Chair;
Richard Boden; John Claydon; Mike Copland; Delia Copland; Ann Cryer; Dave Dubber;
Robert Earll; Jeff Higgins; Barry Hullett; Janet Hullett; John Morris; Nicola Warren

Apologies: Jo Bond; Ian Cooling; Jeannette Henderson; Jenny Lye; Nigel Maclean;
Chris Pound; Kamal Sayany; Freddie Vaughan;

Action

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Business Wyse

John Claydon reported that the next issue is now ready and extended thanks to Janet, who had been gathering contributions from members. He apologized for the fact that there was not always time for everyone to sign off their copy, but he was very pleased with the contributions. It was suggested that we should we publish the advertising rates, although it was too late for this issue. John emphasized the need for a regular flow of contributions, which could be kept in hand for future issues. Janet has undertaken to ask Lea and Lesley (Associate Osteopath Wye) to pay their subscription, as they have an article in this issue. Ann reiterated that Business Wyse was a very positive thing, it was put through all letterboxes in the village and that it was well read. Ann thanked everyone for their input.

**All members
Janet Hullett**

3. Business Exhibition – Saturday 16th September 2006

Chris and Ian are co-coordinating, and Ian will be doing the press coverage. Ian has tentatively booked the Woolfson room, which is in the right location relative to the farmers market. It is hoped that we get a good selection of businesses there, as it is an opportunity for other businesses and villagers to see what we do. It is proposed to charge an entrance fee for exhibitors. Barry offered to put up a display of vintage and new sewing machines. We need interested people to come forward. We will review the costs at the next meeting.

All members

4. Website Updated

Ann reported that she had given all the updates to Kamal (Kantara) and that the WBA pages are now up to date. There is the possibility for members to put offers on the site. Ann undertook to check the website once a month and pass on any updates or corrections to Kamal to implement, which Kantara have offered to do free of charge. There was a general discussion on the website and the committee asks if both Chris Pound and Kantara could have a representative at next meeting for a more relevant discussion. Mike Copland agreed to put in writing exactly what it is that we need for the site.

**Chris Pound
Kamal Sayany
Mike Copland**

5. Any Other Business

Imperial College: Ann said that she had received an invitation to Wye Campus Workshops on 9th May and 20th June re the development project. John Morris made the point that the so-called first workshop with the Parish Council was only a meeting. Ann agreed to go and represent WBA. Members are invited to put forward questions for Ann to



ask at the workshop.

John said that Imperial is assuming that the development will go ahead, and expressed the view that the questions are loaded. Delia suggested that members check the college website.

Parish Council: The annual meeting is on Thursday 4th May in the small village hall, at which Nick Johansen from ANOB will be speaking. Ann urged members to attend. Ann will do a report on WBA achievements. The Parish Council has invited all members of WBA to submit a brief report on their business, which could be covered by last year's copies of Business Wyse.

Imperial Sports Facilities: Nicola said that she had had a meeting with Dimitri Sarbanovic, the college Sports manager, who offered special reduced rates to WBA members, copy of which is attached. These rates are open to all WBA businesses and their staff. Just contact Dimitri at the college, mentioning that you are a WBA member.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce: Nicola reported that she had been in touch again with their membership secretary, Jo James, but they are not prepared to allow WBA to join as an association in view of the many individual benefits that come with membership. Nicola will pursue the possibility of us taking advantage of the discounted offers provided.

Refreshments: Everyone thanked Dave for hosting and looking after us and for providing the excellent refreshments.

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All members

All Members

Nicola
Warren

Next Meeting : WEDNESDAY 24th May at 6.30 p.m. at the Devil's Kneading Trough
and **WEDNESDAY 21st June.** .