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WANA Steering Group Minutes DRAFT V2
Thursday 22nd May 2025
Witherley Parish Room
7.00-8.00pm

Present: Kim Liggins, Chair (KL) Lynne Lainé, Secretary (LL); Roger Lainé, Treasurer (RL); Richard Wade, Planning subgroup Chair (RW); Rod Bell (RB); Tony Carter, Flood Warden (TC); David Hickie (DH); Margaret Hickie (MH); Joy Simpson, Social Events subgroup Chair (JS)

Apologies: Dayle Flude, Vice Chair (DF); Jan Humble (JH); Mick Humble (MH); Keith Simpson (KS), Sarah Smith (SS), Rob Flude (RF), Ian Rawson-Mackenzie (IRM). Pat Helyer (PH); Jackie Albrighton (JA)

Meeting commenced at 19.00 hrs

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies: KL welcomed all to the meeting and accepted apologies.	
2. 2.1	Draft Minutes Steering Group minutes of the 23 rd April 2025 Agreed.	
3.	Matters Arising Action Log -review of open actions: 23/04/2025 13.3 Resilience equipment- this item open. TC identified Witherley Equipment is in the Flood Warden Pound.	TC to notify WPC that the resilience equipment is in the Flood Wardens pound
4. 4.1 4.2 4.3	Correspondence The correspondence log was reviewed the following noted: Correspondence re Number 7 bus noted. Correspondence with Witherley Parish Council regarding the Clerk's statement on the 23 rd April 2025 "The Council have agreed no working partnership" . A Freedom of Information request was submitted on the 7 th May 2025 for the WPC minute reference for the decision "The Council have agreed no working partnership" .	
5	Issues Log - Progress noted. - New Issue – Number 7 Bus raised by a number of residents. See agenda item 10.	
6 6.1 6.2	Treasurers Report WANA cash position as of 14 th May 2025 £4323. Company and Games Grant £81.00 unallocated. Proposal agreed to purchase large piece jigsaws for use by attendees with restricted manual dexterity and/or visual impairment.	

7.	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)	
7.1	RL proposed that he work on the model constitution and forward a draft to RW, PH, KL, DF. Proposal agreed.	Model constitution to be drafted.
7.2	No comments have been received from residents.	
7.3	A vote was taken on whether to proceed with an application to the Charity Commission for WANA to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Vote outcome- Unanimous agreement to proceed.	
8.	Environment Agency Witherley Brook Report	
8.1	The previously circulated report discussed.	Planning subgroup to agree next steps at their next meeting
8.2	It was noted that the report is focussed on the Witherley Brook which is only one of the factors contributing to the flooding issues in Witherley.	
8.3	The planning subgroup will discuss and agree next steps at their meeting.	
8.4	Cllr Ambrose is liaising with the Environment Agency re a date for a meeting. Witherley venues have been offered.	
9.	Company and Games Evaluation	
9.1	All agreed how successful Company and Games is and how the relationship with Witherley Primary School has been positively impacted. All volunteers were thanked for their support and contribution to making Company and Games successful.	LL to submit the evaluation.
9.2	The draft evaluation was approved for submission to HBBC.	
10.	Measham to Witherley number 7 Bus	
10.1	A number of residents have raised concerns that bus drivers had been saying that the service would be ceasing in June.	
10.2	Following numerous attempts to clarify the situation with StageCoach and Leicestershire County Council (LCC) a request for support was made to the Office of Dr Luke Evans, MP.	
10.3	LCC confirmed to Dr Evans that the Number 7 service is part of the phase 3 of the Network Review and will be changed to an on demand service, with assurances that the service will be accessible.	
10.4	LL attended a Sustainable Travel event at Measham on the 14 th May 2025.	
10.5	Two members of the LCC Sustainable Travel Team have this week contacted WANA and confirmed: - For the period 2nd June to 12th July there will be no change to the current timetable, the service will be operated by LA Travel and not StageCoach. - From the 14th July the new service will be FoxConnect	

10.6	An offer was made by the Sustainable Travel Team to provide an information session for residents – this has been confirmed as the 10th July 1.30-3.30 in the Football Club. All information has been shared with the residents who have raised concerns, and has been posted on Witherley Facebook, Ratcliffe Culey and Fenny Drayton Facebook. A Sheepy Magna resident has shared the WANA information with Sheepy residents. The information will be in the June WANA newsletter and Witherley Parish Magazine.	
11. 11.1 11.2 11.3	Subgroup feedback: Social Events Subgroup: Upcoming events: - WANA Womble Saturday July 5th, 2025 - Witherley Weekender August 22nd -25th Planning Subgroup including flooding update RW confirmed that the subgroup's next meeting will focus on the response and WANA's next steps to the Environment Agencies Witherley Brook Report. A response has been received from LCC re the correspondence regarding the willow in the brook on Atterton Lane. Lord O'Neil has confirmed that the Agent will work with LCC to address the issue. Newsletter- suggestions for July 2025: Witherley Weekender and Womble Number 7 Bus Photography competition	
12. 12.1 12.2	Any Other Business: Proposal that WANA hold a photography competition to produce a compilation of photographs for a WANA calendar. Local Photographer to be approached to judge competition. Proposal supported. Anti-Social Behaviour – two recent episodes of antisocial behaviour reported by residents, the issues have been reported to the Police and to the Parish Council. Borough Cllr Cartwright agreed to raise with the Police. Any residents raising concerns to be advised to: - Report it to the Police - Report to Borough Cllr Cartwright on WPC - Keep a log of incidents and reporting	LL to contact the local photographer.
13.	Items for Next Meeting Draft Model CIO Constitution	
14.	Date of Next meeting: Thursday 24th June 7-8.00pm Witherley Parish Room Apologies received from Roger and Lynne Laine, Joy and Keith Simpson.	

Meeting closed at 20.07hrs with a thank you for attendance.

WANA Steering Group Action Log Updated 14th July 2025

Date	minute no.	Action	Lead	Open/Closed	Action update
22/05/2025	3	TC to notify WPC resilience equipment in locked cupboard in flooding compound. No key	TC	Closed	
22/05/2025	7.1	RL to draft CIO Constitution and circulate to KL,PH,RW.DF	RL	Closed	1st Draft Circulated
22/05/2025	8.1	Planning subgroup to agree next steps with EA Witherley Brook Report	RW	on agenda	
22/05/2025	9	Company and Games Evaluation to be submitted to HBBC	LL	Closed	Report receipt received
22/05/2025	12.1	LL to contact local photographer to judge competition	LL	Closed	
23/04/2025	7.3	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) - Gap analysis to be commenced		in progress	22/5/2025 RL to draft model constitution
23/04/2025	13.3	Resilience equipment use and maintenance to be explored with WPC		Open	
20/11/2024	9.0	Organisers of village firework display to be encouraged to use of silent, low noise, quieter fireworks. A request to organisers to be made in lead up to 2025 display.	LL	Jun-25 Closed	Letter sent 15 July 2025

WANA Correspondence Log update 15th July 2025

Date	To	From	Nature of Correspondence	Outcome
13th May 2025		Street Scene	Confirmation Litter pick information will be delivered for July Pick	
13th May 2025		Dr Luke Evans MP	Information on Flooding	Acknowledged and forwarded to Planning subgroup
14th May 2025	Dr Luke Evans		Request for support in arranging Witherley Information drop in re No7 bus as nil response received to emails	
14th May 2025		Kevin Taylor HBBC	Confirmation WANA MaD application submitted previously for a WANA Notice Board will be on agenda for 25th June, request check of Bank details	Acknowledged, confirmed Bank details and thanked
15th May 2025		Mark Swain EA	Executive Summary	Acknowledged and thanked, Forwarded to Planning subgroup

16th May 2025	Witherley School		thank you for the school's attendance at Company and games, doing the Maypole and afternoon tea	
16th May 2025		Witherley School	Thank you	
16th May 2025		Mark Swain EA	Copy of the EA Witherley Brook Report	
16th May 2025	Mark Swain		Thank you and confirmation WANA would like to have a meeting- offer made to book a Witherley venue	
16th May 2025		WPC Clerk	WPC confirming that Clerk would arrange meeting as EA report relates to more than one ward.	
17th May 2025	WPC Clerk		EA report reference Witherley Ward only- request for any meeting to be in Witherley to ensure Witherley residents can attend	
19th May 2025		Andrew Bucknall LCC	Information re FoxConnect and offer of Witherley information session- confirmed as 14th July 2025	
19th May 2025	Dr Luke Evans Office		Update on progress with LCC and thank you for their support	
20th May 2025		Dr Luke Evans Office	thank you for update	
20th May 2025		Roy Stokes EA ccd into email to WPC clerk	confirmation that he will review EA Witherley Brook report	
21st May 2025		Witherley School	confirmation parents of competition for poster and logo are happy for winners' names to be publicised	
23rd May 2025		Jennifer Fry HBBC warm spaces	Request to include WANA Company and games in Warm spaces directory & information on Warm Spaces Grant	Phone call to discuss
23rd May 2025	Jennifer Fry		Company and Games evaluation forwarded	
27th May 2025		Jennifer Fry	Thank you and confirmation Company & Games included in Warm Spaces Directory	
27th May 2025		Roy Stokes EA	Confirmation no plan to have a meeting to discuss EA Witherley Brook report until it has been share with Dr Luke Evans MP	thank you sent to Roy Stokes
27th May 2025	WPC Clerk		Enquiry why response to FOI 173 not received on WPC confirmed due date of 26th May	
27th May 2025		WPC	FOI response- no minute reference	
28th May 2025		Ian Cook EA	Ian been on Flood Warning Duty- enquiring if heavy rain overnight caused any issues in Witherley	Forwarded to Flood Warden who responded to Ian on the 28th May at 10.19hrs no water on Mythe lane

28th May 2025		Graham Bethell	LA Travel service, interim number 7 bus time table	Graham thanked for information and for helpful comments on Witherley Facebook to residents' concerns
29th May 2025		Resident request	Request for LC 11 interim timetable following post on Facebook	sent
29th May 2025		Witherley School	Request for LC 11 timetable following post on Facebook	sent
2nd June 2025	Rachel Pagett LCC		parental concerns re Arriva School service commencing 14th July 2025	Acknowledged and confirmation that the information will be passed to the team liaising with Arriva
5th June 2025	Josh Melen County Cllr		Introduction to WANA and copy of WANA annual report	
5th June 2025		Josh Melen County Cllr	Thank you for information and congratulations on delivering community events. Offer to WANA to raise any issues	
5th June 2025	Rachel Pagett LCC		Output from WANA Poll re school bus service time	
9th June 2025	Cllrs Wood & Cartwright		Formal Complaint to WPC re FOI 173 response	
9th June 2025		Daniel Philips LCC	Confirmation LCC are negotiating with Arriva re School Bus Timetable and route & thank you for raising residents' concerns	
17th June 2025		Jenifer Fry Warm Spaces	Cool Spaces for rough sleepers	
24th June 2025		Jennifer Fry	Coat Exchange	
26th June 2025		Kevin Taylor, HBBC	MaD grant for notice board unsuccessful	
26th June 2025	Residents who have booked craft stalls		Confirmation of details of Witherley weekender	
27th June 2025		Andrew Bucknell FoxConnect	Awaiting artwork for leaflets, information for call centre and app	
27th June 2025		WPC Chair	Complaint re FOI forwarded to HBBC Monitoring Officer	
27th June 2025		Witherley School	Queries around submission of photograph for competition	
29th June 2025		Friends of Witherley School	Thank you for School Leavers donation of £50.00	
1 st July 2025		Friends of Witherley School	Confirmation thank you picture can be used by WANA	

1st July 2025	Andrew Bucknell		Copy of Witherley Facebook post, all local drop ins and call centre details
2nd July 2025		Andrew Bucknell FoxConnect	Confirmation FoxConnect Drop in on 10th July
2nd July 2025		Street Scene, HBBC	Confirmation of litter pick and delivery of equipment
3rd July 2025		Resident	Freedom of information request- acknowledged by email and telephone call and advised WANA not included in FOI Act- however advised WANA holds no information relevant to request
7th July 2025		Witherley School	Request for school vacancies poster to be included in Newsletter
7th July	Witherley School		Confirmation poster will be included depending on space
8th July 2025		Resident	Request for information on who to contact re Riverside trees
8th July 2025	Resident		Information on conservation area and LCC provided
11th July 2025		Daniel Philips LCC	Arriva School Bus timetable amended, and School Bus will stop in Witherley at 07.29am
11th July 2025	Daniel Phillips		Thank you for support in this matter & that information would be shared with residents

WANA Issues Log Update 15th July 2025

4th March 2025	Road Edge on Riverside	Letter and images sent to LCC ref no 989011 15th April follow up ref no 706000255 Repaired
4th March 2025	Willow in brook on Atterton lane	to be reported to Andrew Smallwood. Confirmation that Land Owner has consented to LCC liaising with Agent. 7th July 2025 Confirmation Willow cleared
8th March	New Bench on Atterton Lane less than advised recommended height- Resident	Reported to WPC. 10th April Clerk stated that contractor visited- as other bench at site no action will be taken to change height.
2nd April 2025	Style on Atterton lane unstable	Reported to LCC ref no 991774 Response received- landowner notified- to action repair. Style repaired.
10 April 2025	Road signs - Post Office Lane and Hall Lane damaged	Parish Council Clerk notified at WPC meeting on 10th April Photos sent 15th April 2025- Outstanding
10th April 2025	Pot Hole on Kennel Lane	Reported to LCC ref number FS706170874. What 3 words //sulked.seaside.roadshow. Repaired.
23 rd April	Defib sign at Blue Lion	Reported to WPC Clerk via Fault report on website. Photo emailed to Clerk. Outstanding
24th April 2025	concern raised by residents that drivers saying No & bus is stopping	24th April contact with Stagecoach- no information bus stopping. 1st May residents report bus drivers say service is stopping. 7th May phone call to Stagecoach- no information bus service being changed. There will be a tender process. Phone call to LCC- advised that there is a Network review in progress. Hinckley phase 4. Agreed with LCC to do Facebook post to inform residents. 9th may resident called by LCC and informed that no 7 is changing to an on demand service from 2nd June 25. Phone call to Stagecoach- advised they have no information. Phone call to LCC- advised no change. Email sent to LCC raising concern re mixed messages. Email sent to Dr Evans requesting support as residents anxious. Support from Dr Evans- contact made with Sustainable Travel team. Informed LA Travel will deliver service from 2 nd June. Timetable received from LCC Team. FoxConnect drop in arranged for 10 th July at Witherley Football Club. Arriva will provide school service from 14th July. Resident concerns re timetable.
2 nd June 2025	Arriva School Bus Service Commencing 14th July 2025 and time of Witherley pick up	Resident concerns re new Arriva School Bus service commencing July 14th and whether there will be a 7.30 stop in Witherley. WANA poll on Facebook. Concerns reported to LCC, with output from Poll and images of StageCoach timetable with both 07.00 and 07.30 pick up. Confirmation received that LCC are speaking to Arriva and will advise when new timetable available. 11th July Confirmation received the school Bus will stop in Witherley at 07.29am,

22 nd June 2025	Riverside plants and bulbs pulled out	4 th July Riverside replanted with a grant from WANA
3rd July 2025	2 sofas fly tipped in Atterton	reported to Street Scene ref STR728199596
5th July 2025	fly tip in brook near sheepdip, identified on womble	reported to Street Scene ref STR728810546
15 th July 2025	Footpath way marker on Atterton Lane near Atterton	Reported to LCC Enquiry Number 1003013 -
15 th July 2025	Pothole Atterton Lane near CV13 6JU	Reported to LCC Enquiry Number 1003019

WANA Accounts 2024 to 13 July 25

INCOME	£
Company and Games grant: £81 unallocated	1,191
Ticket sales for events	3,971
Raffle ticket sales	1,312
Donations	3,291
Other sales: catering, pins, bingo	190
TOTAL INCOME:	9,955
EXPENSE	
Room hire: PCC, WUFC	930
Performers: Bonkers bingo x2, Gary Googlay, Baroness	680
Company and Games setup	672
General expenses: Consumables, training, catering	2,268
Marquee deposit	460
Grants: Red Cross, FoWS, WMPFT, Parish Rm	575
TOTAL EXPENSE:	5,585
BALANCE of Cash and Bank:	4,370
FORECAST to have a balance of £3,200 following the Aug BH event	

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All monthly meetings commence 19.00hrs

AGM time to be confirmed

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Tuesday	16 th December
AGM Saturday	17 th January 2026 Time to be confirmed
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