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WANA Annual General Meeting
Saturday 18th January 2025
Witherley Parish Room
10-12.00

minutes

Present: Kim Liggins (KL) Chair, Dayle Flude (DF) Vice Chair, Roger Lainé (RL) Treasurer, Lynne Lainé (LL) Secretary, Ian Rawson Mackenzie (IRM), Founding Member, Rob Flude, Richard Wade (RW), Planning subgroup Chair, Joy Simpson (JS) Social Events Chair, Tony Carter, Flood Warden, Pat Helyer, Pat Roberts, David Roberts, Margaret Hickie, David Hickie, Sarah Smith, Jan Humble, Mick Humble, Jackie Albrighton, Dave Albrighton, Kate Snell, Rod Bell, Mark Bloomer, Denise Bloomer, Jane Warwick, Stuart Liggins, Jane Wyatt, Neil Pountney, Heather Pountney, Kate Salmon, Rhianon Taylor
Apologies: Richard Reading, Lesley and Alan Waters, Corinne Barker, Margaret and Brian Bates

1	Welcome 30 Residents attended and participated in the meeting.
2	Information and consultation Attendees were invited to browse the information display boards, and to watch the rolling power point presentations which highlighted the WANA activities and achievements over the year.
2.2	Consultation Attendees were invited to write any comments to the three consultation questions on post it notes
2.2.1	Is there anything bothering or concerning you as a resident? Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flooding (8)• Language at football matches (1)• Parking at the end of Post Office Lane and Kennel Lane (1)• New Houses (5)• Parish Council (3)• Access from Kennel Lane onto A5 (2)• Poop Bin opposite St Peters Avenue (1)• Ditches not being cleared regularly (1)
2.2.2	What does WANA needs to focus on for 2025? Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flooding (4)• Flooding and the 50 Houses on Kennel Lane (1)• Continuing to be the interface with the Parish Council (1)• WANA volunteer awards every 6 months (1)• Parish room- needs a new hand dryer in ladies (1)
2.2.3	Does WANA need to have a notice board The vote outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yes: 7• No: 4

3	<p>Distribution of WANA Funds</p> <p>As the AGM attendees signed in, they were given a dot and invited to vote for one of the three village organisations to receive a proportion of the £500 fund.</p> <p>The proportion of funds awarded to each Organisation is:</p> <p>Witherley Parish Room (15 votes) £250.00</p> <p>Witherley Memorial Playing Field Trust (10 votes) £167.00</p> <p>Friends of Witherley School (5 votes) £83.00</p>
4	<p>IRM welcomed all to the AGM</p> <p>IRM stated that its almost 12 months to the day since the first WANA meeting and in that time WANA has achieved so much. With the support of residents WANA is a successful organisation delivering social events and raising Villagers concerns with the relevant agencies. IRM invited KL to address the meeting as the outgoing Chair.</p>
5	<p>KL thanked all for attending and for participating in the consultation and the voting to distribute WANA funds. KL drew attention to the information boards and the rolling presentation that highlight much of WANA's activities and achievements in the past 12 months.</p> <p>KL thanked Centurion Plant Hire for their support in establishing WANA as a successful and credible neighbours association.</p>
6.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>KL invited RL to give the treasurers report.</p>
6.1	<p>RL summarised WANA's accounts as of 12th January 2025</p> <p>Income: £5465</p> <p>Expense £1902</p> <p>Balance of Cash and Bank £3563</p> <p>Forecast to have a balance of £2500 following the August Bank Holiday Event</p>
6.2	<p>A significant part of the income is from a grant from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (£1190) for Company and Games.</p> <p>Donations were also received from the Pilates Ladies and the Weekly Pétanque group.</p> <p>Raffles at social evets are a successful fundraising method.</p>
6.3	<p>Expenses have included room hire for both the Parish Room and the Football Club. Performers at social events and the marquee deposit.</p>
6.4	<p>WANA utilises Lloyd's bank business finance software to log all income, expenditure and to forecast expenditure.</p>
6.5	<p>RL commented on the positive functionality of the WIX ticket booking system and thanked DF for setting up the system which allows residents to book tickets for WANA events.</p>
6.6	<p>RL thanked JS and the social events sub-group for fundraising through the successful activities.</p>

6.7	RL thanked IRM and Centurion Plant Hire and Research Garage for their support and services.
6.8	IRM announced that two £500 donations from local businesses have been received during the AGM.
7.	<p>Planning Sub-group chair</p> <p>KL invited Richard Wade, as chair to report on the planning sub-group activities.</p> <p>RW reported that the planning sub-group meet monthly and have focussed on building effective relationships with the Head of Planning at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) and Severn Trent. The sub-group have focussed on the flooding issues, attended Leicestershire's Flood meeting in November. On December 13th they attended and participated in a meeting coordinated by Dr Evans, MP at which all the agencies were present.</p>
8.	<p>Social Events sub-group chair</p> <p>KL invited Joy Simpson, as chair, to report on the social events sub-group activities. JS thanked all the enthusiastic members of the subgroup for their support, without whom the events would not be the success they have been. All the events sell out.</p> <p>There are several upcoming events: Curry and Bingo Night, Chippy Supper Night, Bonkers Bingo and we have a marquee for the August Bank Holiday- with events for the whole weekend.</p>
9.	<p>Celebrating our Wana Bee Volunteers</p> <p>KL presented WANA Bee Pins to: IRM for his continued support of WANA, to Centurion Plan Hire and Research Garage for the support in producing the WANA newsletter, banners and posters- also for the supply of two Defibrillators to Witherley.</p> <p>RW and JS were awarded a pin in recognition of their contribution and support in establishing WANA.</p> <p>KL announced that WANA Bees will be awarded a WANA Bee pin over the coming weeks.</p>
10.	<p>Current Officers stand down</p> <p>IRM invited the current officers to stand down after thanking them for the hard work and dedication in establishing WANA.</p>
11.	<p>Election of Officers for 2025</p> <p>IRM shared that four completed nominations were received for the Officer roles by the deadline on 17.00hrs on the 11th January.</p> <p>The following Officer roles were proposed and seconded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair Kim Liggins ▪ Vice Chair Dayle Flude ▪ Treasurer: Roger Lainé ▪ Secretary Lynne Lainé

	Closing Statements from the Chair KL thanked all for attending and celebrating WANA's first anniversary.