

**NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE  
CLEANER VILLAGE WEEK WORKING PARTY 2007  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2006 IN THE PARISH CENTRE  
WHICH COMMENCED AT 7.30pm**

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**PRESENT:** J Blackburn and M Benson, S Butler, C Passmore, J Roper, R Findlay and Jon Green.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. I Wheeler, Val Green, Debbie Watts, Jo Mattin

**2007/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Roper and Seconded by Cllr. Benson that Cllr. J. Blackburn be Chairman of the Committee. Resolved, this was unanimously supported by the rest of the Working Party.

**2007/02 FURTHER MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY.**

The party discussed several names of people who would possibly become members of the Working Party who were not able to attend the meeting. These people are to be sent the minutes of the meeting together with invitations to join the Working Party with the date of the next meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr Butler concentrate on the Digswell area together with Cllr Neville when he is available. Cllr Wheeler will concentrate on Oaklands/ Mardley Heath together with another Councillor, possibly Cllr Rowland if he should want to be involved. Cllr Butler said she would try to get others involved and ask at her next WI meeting to be held tomorrow evening.

**2007/03 TERMS OF REFERENECE.**

It was **Resolved** that the Terms of Reference used for Cleaner Welwyn Week 2006 would be modified and updated for Cleaner Village Week 2007. It would cover all the 3 villages within the Parish of Welwyn, namely, Digswell, Oaklands/Mardley Heath and Welwyn. Cllr. Blackburn volunteered to update the document and send copies to all members of the Working Party.

**2007/04 FURTHER MEMBERS.**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting details at 2007/02

**2007/05 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**a) Date for Cleaner Village Week 2007**

It was agreed that the week after the Welwyn Festival would be the best time. Therefore the date would be the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**b) Activities during the week**

In 2006 the Working Party concentrated on Welwyn Village, litter picking, cleaning the Cemetery, clearing the Car Park at the Civic Centre and clearing out the Mimram River.

It was discussed that the Working Party members would not do all the work as last year but would try to get volunteers to help and get the County and District Councillors more involved. One of the aims of the Working Party is to

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educate people living in the villages to get involved in keeping the village clean and tidy.

It was **Resolved** that there would be three activities in the evenings:

- **Welwyn to be held on Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007**
- **Oaklands/Mardley Heath to be held on Weds. 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007**
- **Digswell to be held on Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

It was also **Resolved** to gain publicity some time before the event.

**c) Walkabout in the villages**

At this juncture it was **Resolved**, that the name, Cleaner Welwyn Week Working Party be changed to the **Cleaner Village Week Working Party.**

It was agreed once the three groups had been formed each group would arrange the walkabout of their village as part of the preparation and identify possible improvements which would be fed back to the Parish, Borough and County Councils.

It was hoped that's there would be a Ward Councillor in each group together with local volunteers, the groups would also plan, create schedules and contacts.

It was resolved that they would be sent Minutes of all the Working Parties meetings.

It was **Resolved** the Walkabouts take place as follows:

- **Welwyn – Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> April 2007**
- **Digswell – Weds. 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007**
- **Oaklands/Mardley Heath – Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

It was also **Resolved** that a meeting of the Working Party would take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm, to discuss the Walkabouts.

**d) Parish Council Activities**

There was some confusion in the roles the Parish Council and the Working Party. This was discussed and agreed that the Working Party feed into the Leisure Committee and then it is reported to the Full Council at their meetings.

**e) County Council and Borough Council Support**

It was also agreed that the local County Councillor and local Borough Councillors should be significantly be involved with the Working Party and Walkabouts as any matters concerning the relevant authorities can be fed directly to the County Council and Borough Council.

**f) Publicity**

This item was discussed at length.

**Resolved** that the Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Roper would publicise the events in his article in the Church Magazine.

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**Resolved**, Cllr. Roper would prepare a draft press release for Welwyn Hatfield Times and the Wider Alliance newspapers.

**Resolved**, The Clerk to the Council would design posters for the events and send copies to the Chairman and other members of the Working Party for approval. After approval, they are to be placed in all the notice-boards and possible some of the shops.

**Resolved**, Cllr. Roper will notify the Youth Council at the Borough Council.

**Resolved**, Members will approach some of the schools for support.

- Cllr. Butler will approach St. John's School in Digswell.
- John Blackburn will approach Tenterfield Nursery
- Cllr. Burnapp will be asked if she would approach the Oaklands School.

**Resolved**, to approach, Three Counties Radio and Heartbeat Radio once contact had been established.

**2007/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**Resolved**, The date of the next meeting will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at the Parish Centre to commence at 7.30pm

**2007/07 CLOSE OF MEETING:**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed.....

**Chairman of the Cleaner Village Week Working Party 2007**

**Date: 12th February 2007**

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