

Present

Tony Ray (TR); Ian Richardson (IR); Graham Sugden (GS); Hilary Sugden (HS)
Michele Mooney (MM); Steve Taylor (ST). Lesley Walton (LW); Barbara Plumtree-
Varley (BPV)

Apologies nil

Agenda

1. Matters arising
2. Review of AGM
 - a. Venue
 - b. Content
 - c. Timings
 - d. Input from councillors
 - e. Numbers in attendance
 - f. Date for next year
3. Attracting a wider membership
4. Updates
 - a. Council elections
 - b. LBA/GALBA
 - c. West Park Fields
 - d. Lawnswood Roundabout
5. PACT meeting
6. AOB

1. Matters Arising - dealt with under item 2

2. Review of AGM

- a. Venue – good sized room for the turn out and excellent support from Dennis Waudby. To use again next year. ST to investigate use of lapel microphone.
- b. Content – Lots of updates from a packed agenda this year but aim for next year is to widen the range of topics covered. Possibly greater input from our councillors followed by Q and A. Perhaps more local history.
- c. Numbers in attendance – a lower turnout this year of 39 compared to 55 last year. Suggestions to reach out to a wider audience and increase awareness of WPRA and the AGM included
 - i. a postcard distribution across the area
 - ii. an information stand at next year's Leeds marathon on 9th May which will be prior to the AGM.
- d. Date for next year – agreed to move the AGM to May when daylight hours are longer and the weather milder to increase attendance and income. Possible dates are Tuesday 18th May 2027 or Wednesday 19th May 2027. GS to contact venue.

3. Attracting a wider membership.

- a. As per 2c above

4. Updates

- a. Council elections – congratulations to Izaak Wilson on being re-elected to the Weetwood Ward.
- b. LBA/GALBA – agreed donation of £500 to GALBA to support ongoing campaign to limit the number of night flights.
- c. West Park Fields – successful ‘walkabout’ on 12th April was well attended and a very informative input from TR. As well as hearing about the history of the fields the purpose was to identify areas where improvements could be made with support from council funding. An additional wildflower area and signage board for the orchard were proposed. Izaak Wilson attended the event and was supportive of these ideas. Sadly, no Brass Band concert this year on WP fields. TR to discuss with councillors the possibility for next year.
- d. Lawnswood Roundabout. Still on schedule for end of summer. Latest work area is on the west approach. Currently Yorkshire Water are laying new mains pipes.

5. PACT meeting – details of last meeting already distributed to members. Next meeting Wednesday 20th May. 7pm at St Chad’s Parish Centre

6. AOB

- a. Housing development at the junction of Spen Lane and Queenswood Drive yet to be approved.
- b. Site of old police station – recently given planning permission but no further news.
- c. A recent attempt to hack the WPRA email account and demand a \$1200 ‘ransom’ was a scam. Systems checked by ST and new passwords generated. No money paid!

Date of next meetings – Monday 6th July and Monday 7th September

HS 14/05/2026