



Friends of Wressle Village Hall 20th August 2026 7.30pm at Wressle village hall

Present: Diane Heritage, Sarah Oakden, Chris Reid, Jane Walton, Neil Dale, Jackie Ross, Jane Walker, Paula Tunbridge. Apologies: Helen Blacker (PC) who had been invited to this meeting re. Xmas tree & lights

1. Welcome, minutes and agenda Diane welcomed everyone.

2. Feedback on Punjabi meal All agreed Surj was a great host with a tasty enjoyable meal served in a lovely atmosphere. An event worth repeating next year, potentially in July. It was suggested that we could apply for a short-term license for alcohol sale next time. (A short term 7 day license for sale of alcohol at events can be applied for 10 days ahead of event. License has to be forwarded to police and East Riding control.)

Feedback on first Wressle Walk led by Chris.R. Eight people enjoyed the 3 mile sociable walk with coffee & cake in the VH to finish. The next two walks are in the calendar for Sun Aug 30th and Sun Sept 27th. The next walk will be from Wressle to Brighton and back.

Comms Chris has looked into options for re-writeable FOWVH banner but a permanent printed banner to put over the internal VH noticeboard, with website and contact details, is the less expensive option at £20. The notion of QR code to be put on tables at events linking to FOWVH website was mentioned.

Thanks to Jane Walton for the attractive, welcoming flyer: 'next series of events' Aug-Dec 2026 and continued production of eye-catching posters re.FOWVH future events which have been uploaded to facebook & website. We aim to deliver a colour flyer of upcoming events to all households about twice a year and 6 X A4 colour posters for each event (for noticeboards)

Action: Sarah to find out costs of personal colour printing plan to decide if feasible to print 70 X A5 flyers twice a year and 6 A4 colour posters

3. Request for support with Christmas Lights switch on The Parish Council will order & pay for a Christmas tree and install it outside the village hall. Parish Council will also organise Street lights. Last year, Steve Young (PC clerk) applied to Drax for a grant towards lights purchase, which was granted. He has offered to apply again. FOWVH have agreed to run a Punch & Mince pies event supporting the Christmas tree light switch on (29th December 5-6pm) not a full meal. This is because the hall is booked for a craft fair the same day, which will be cleared up by 4pm, but there would be no time to organise & provide a full meal. Additionally, the Turkey Supper follows closely on the calendar, being a fortnight later on 12th December. The putting up of tree lights is usually arranged informally, with various different villagers involved each year.

Action: Jane Walker will chat with Guy (PC) and/or Colleen (PC) about tree decoration arrangements.

Action: Diane to email Steve Young asking for £100 budget to cover refreshments & sweets for kids, plus perhaps extra tree lights.

4. Planning for expenditure of City Healthcare Partnership Grant Thanks to Diane, the grant application was successful. £1000 has been granted to pay for use of the village hall and associated costs of events run by FOWVH aiming to support the 'Health & Wellbeing' of villagers. The aim is for the village hall to act as a Wellbeing Hub i.e. a series of events throughout the year. A range of ideas were discussed e.g. coffee mornings/afternoon teas with some 'have a go' activities/demos at each one, giving opportunities to try new skills/hobbies/crafts such as: printing, carving soap, candle-making, jewellery-making, forming of a book club etc. or joining in with board games. Some evening events might be run with provision of 3 or 4 different demos/skills/activities for folk to try. We agreed sub-groups will take responsibility for different aspects of the Wellbeing programme.

5. Funding The grant funding will go into the PC account, but ring-fenced to support the specific wellbeing aims of the grant application. The account will be a separate named part of the PC accounts and FOWVH will keep receipts to pass to Steve Young (clerk) who will keep financial record on our behalf.

Diane has already applied to KCOM, who support community activities/drop-in events aiming to make areas better places to live, for £400 grant, on the same basis as the CHP grant.

There may be grants, specifically supporting Hearing Loop provision, that could be applied for. RNID = Action on Hearing Loss, may have information about this.

Research into costings for an Induction Loop Jackie has carried out extensive research, contacting suppliers of induction loops and getting feedback from village halls about their experiences of using different systems. FOWVH agreed a company should come to carry out a survey of the village hall re. most appropriate system to have installed and to demonstrate two types of system

Action: Jackie will contact Kelly Sands (ksands@contacts.co.uk) to arrange a visit by them with survey (@ £155.50=VAT) Jackie will discuss potential dates for the survey and update the group via Whatsapp.

6. Plan for future events organisers, marketing, who will support timings and agreed actions.

Wressle Walk 30th August Chris leading a group event walking to Brighton & back – with tea/ coffee at Paula's. Thanks to Jane Walton & Chris, posters already advertise this event on website & noticeboards. Following walk is planned for 27th September.

Talk on 'Boxster the Bull' by Kate MacNeil Fri 4th Sept at 6pm.

Set up seating 5pm on the day, sideways. The speaker only needs a table and a socket for her projector and screen. Speaker is charging £80. An anonymous sponsor is kindly donating £50, therefore £30 to be paid out of FOWVH funds.

Soft drinks, sweets & crisps will be sold, BYO alcohol. Donations for village hall.

Promo poster is already on the website and will be sent out by Jane Walker using the 'village noticeboard' address. It was suggested young farmers are contacted as they may be interested in this event.

Action: Jane Walker to get YF contacts from Sarah Falkingham. Ask PC to promote it to farming community.

Open Mic Night 25th September at 7.30pm Organiser Neil - his contact is on the flyer.

Mic stand is broken & needs replacing.

Neil already has a few performers willing to take part. Neil will arrange running order and timing of evening aiming for an earlier interval.

Same organisation as before with BYO plus tea/coffee at start as well as at interval.

Action: Jane Walker to find out cost of replacement Mic stand.

Jane Walton to promote as before

Chris has already put up chalkboard plus an additional chalkboard.

Jane Walker to email poster to 'village noticeboard' email contacts.

Jane Walton to bring soft drinks etc, purchased previously, on the night.

Fish and Chip Supper – Fri 16th Oct. Food at 6.45pm – organiser Diane & Jane Walton.

This will no longer be subsidised by PC. It was agreed to charge £15 per adult and £5 per child portion.

It was agreed to auction Peter's wooden bowl as a start to the Induction Loop fund at this event. A quiz is organised. Russell will lead the quiz.

Afternoon Cream Tea Mon 9th Nov 2pm-4pm – organisers Diane, Jane & Sarah

Action: DH, JW & SO to meet (on 28.09.26) & arrange organisation and promo

Coffee Morning with bacon butties **Sun 7th Feb at 10.30a.m.**

A.O.B.

Next Friends of Wressle Village Hall Meeting: Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm at VH

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Diane Heritage – Chair Jane Walker – Booking clerk and email coms Sarah Oakden – Secretary

Chris Reid – web manager and coms Jane Walton – facebook coms Neil Dale

Jackie Ross – inclusion & access Paula Tunbridge – Comms link with booking clerk