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NOTES of the meeting of the **Events Working Group** held at 11:00 on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 via Teams.

Present: Claire Majsai – Chair
Bob Sampson – Vice Chair
Viv Aloy – Assistant Clerk Helen Valler – Assistant Clerk

Annual Parish Meeting

Date

It was noted that the proposed date of the APM, Tuesday 20th May, means it is again in the same week as the Annual Council Meeting. It was felt that this puts a great deal of pressure on Councillors as there are a lot of papers to read prior to that meeting. It was also noted that Assistant Clerk Aloy is not available on 20th May. This will be raised with the Clerk and Chairman with a view to considering moving the date. It was felt that moving it later was not practical as this would be half term week. Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th May are potential alternative dates.

Theme

Possible themes for the APM were discussed and it was generally agreed that a “Health and Wellbeing” theme be adopted. This year, relevant business could be invited as well as our usual local community groups.

Speakers / One minute pitches

A wellness/wellbeing talk was favoured as a main speaker, potentially a representative from one of the nutrition or wellness businesses or from the Health Centre. In addition, the return of the “one minute pitch” to include representatives from groups, wellness organizations/businesses and those who run exercise classes in the village (Yoga, Fitsteps, Groove Movement). Input from business owners should be focused on the *wellbeing impact* of their activity in the community, rather than a business pitch.

Transport from Sayers Common

It was noted that last year only Cllr Sampson used the bus from Sayers Common. It was felt that we should offer the service again for 2025 but on a “use it or lose it” basis. If there is no uptake, then the service will not be offered for the 2026 APM.

Wassail

Plans for the Wassail, to take place on Saturday 11th January 2025, are moving at pace with publicity set to go out this week as well as in the January Hurst Life edition.

Community Groups Forum

This is fixed for 29th January 2025. A “save the date” flyer has gone out to the usual groups, as well as via the Community People (previously MSVA) e-bulletin. Speakers to include Nicola Brewerton from Community People on their rebranding and current projects as well as AgeUK on the revival of the memory cafes in Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common.

Thanks to Assistant Clerk Valler

Formal thanks were given to Assistant Clerk Valler, especially for her work on the APM 2023 when she had to take this over at short notice. The Events Working Group wishes her well in her new job in January 2025, she will be very much missed.

Next Meeting Date

11am Thursday 16th January 2025 – to focus on the APM