

**SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of AGM**  
**Thursday 15 November 2018 at The Village Hall, Swanland**

The meeting started at 7.30pm

**ATTENDING:**                    **COMMITTEE**  
Jan Rogerson  
Yvonne Dumsday  
Steve Killick  
Louise Macfarlane  
Angela Carpenter  
Julie Swift  
Marion Escreet  
Val Anderson  
Paul Hopton  
Yvonne Fisher

**1. APOLOGIES:**

Linda Michelson  
Margaret Dickinson  
Peter Dickinson  
Richard Fowler  
Gillian Adamson

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**MINUTES OF LAST AGM: 16 November 2017.** These were passed as accurate.

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**MATTERS ARISING:**

Questioned whether the accounts were on the internet. They are on the internet but they were not available immediately as they have to be signed off first.

Duchy Homes have widened the door where the cleaners bin is located at the side of Christ Church.

Thanks to the Parish Council for purchasing the final village sign and putting this up. It completes the project of inserting signs on all major roads into the village.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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### **CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

Jan Rogerson, Chairman, welcomed the audience to the AGM and thanked the committee for their hard work and confirmed the talk to be given by Elizabeth Godber regarding her 'Year of Writing' and in particular about her play titled 'The Memory Project' which is now being performed at several venues. As usual, you are invited to stay for cheese and wine to conclude the evening and celebrate another successful year for the SVA.

Thanks to the SVA Committee for their commitment over the past year.

Three members are resigning as follows:

Linda Michelson retiring and was the litter picking organiser. Her responsibility is to keep the rota up and running which means that we can keep the village looking picturesque. The Parish Council pays us for our duties and the money is passed to the Gardening Group. We are looking for a volunteer to take up this role as litter picking organiser. If you are interested in discussing this please contact one of the Committee.

Rich Fowler is resigning – he looked after the Facebook account for the SVA  
Yvonne Fisher is resigning – responsible for minuting the meetings. A replacement has now been found and we are delighted to welcome Michelle Hopton into this role.

Thanks to all of those who are resigning for their valued contribution.

Thank you, in particular, to Mally Cracknell for his hard work and commitment and the watering team who undertake an essential job especially during the last dry summer. The outside tap at the Village Hall has made our job much easier this year.

Our litter picking team keeps the village looking neat and tidy and we thank them for turning out in all weathers.

A thank you for Alyson Ell and the Pond Partnership who give up their time looking after the village pond. Alyson's management skills have ensured that we have a thriving pond at the heart of our village.

Alyson Ell gave a report on the Pond Partnership. Alyson reported that the pond suffered from the 'Beast from the East' early in 2018, followed by the 'Swanland drought'. The emergency aeration had to be activated in July due to the low water levels and Alyson was pleased to report that no fish were lost as a result of this. The pond continued to struggle with poor water quality but saw herons, moorhens and other birds visiting the pond. It is pleasing to report that water levels are recovering and the quality is improving. The pond still has a leak(s) and the back wall is in a poor state of repair therefore investigative work will be carried out and the Parish Council are looking to

assist the Pond Partnership in funding this. To date 2 companies have been to visit the pond.

Alyson thanked everyone for their help and support.

John White is thanked for continuing to co-ordinate welcome packs for those residents new to the village.

Thanks to Val and Julie for organising the business membership.

Thanks to Graham Latter who looks after the SVA website.

The SVA News is given to every house in Swanland and is edited by Marion Escreet. It takes a long time to co-ordinate the articles and we thank Marion for her hard work on this. 1750 copies are printed and distributed. Thanks to Angela and Keith Carpenter who mastermind the distribution to every house in the village. They are assisted by 25 volunteers and look forward to hearing from anyone else who may wish to assist with this role.

This year our Swanland Festival again proved to be very popular. We were given a high profile by the press that helped to advertise our events.

Yvonne Dumsday gave an update as the accounts are closed for another 2 years. The Swanland Festival was very popular again this year. Initially it was established in 1999 and is held over 2 weeks and 3 weekends every 2 years. When it was established there was a team of 12 however this has more recently dropped to a team of 2, being Yvonne Dumsday and Jan Rogerson. The money raised goes into fund the next festival and this year we spent £430 and took £373. The SVA supported this by organising a Ceilidh – thanks go to Louise Macfarlane for that.

The intended closure of our GP surgery has upset many of our members. The latest news is that the meeting Jan Rogerson thought would be open to the public in fact only included the CCG and local Parish Councillors. There will, however, be a change to air our views at the CCG Board meeting in December although we are not entirely sure that it will be on the agenda. Jan will post any news on the noticeboard regarding this issue.

There is good news from the Project Manager of the new Duchy Homes site. Jan Rogerson was invited to the launch of this new project and requested a noticeboard on their wall near Christ Church. There was no hesitation and Jim Cropper offered to supply it also. It will be placed on the left hand pillar whilst the rest of the wall will be lowered with black railing added.

The noticeboard just inside the Heritage Centre is being updated with a new backing which will be helpful.

Jan Rogerson was delighted to hear at the last Parish Council meeting that the Christmas lights around the pond are being replaced this year and updated to LEDs provided by Bonus Electrical.

This concludes Jan Rogerson's report for the year. Jan confirmed that she will be standing down at the next AGM after 12 years of being Chair and is confident that her successor will continue to look after our village. Swanland will always thrive as it is built on a firm foundation of willing volunteers who make this village such a special community in which to live.

Thank you all for your continued support.

### **Business Membership**

Val Anderson reported that there are 27 businesses on record and during the year we gained 5 and lost 3. Residents are urged to use the local businesses where possible

### **Swanland Screen and Live Events**

Yvonne Dumsday gave an update on Swanland Screen which started 14 years ago to show a film on the third Saturday of each month. We have Blu Ray, surround sound, subtitle and trailers. Last year there was an issue with the film 'Dunkirk' which will now be shown on 16 March 2019.

We have had 401 people over the year to 8 films shown by Swanland Screen. Our lowest turnout was 22 people and our highest was 81. If we average around 50 people we can break even.

We held four live shows as follows:

Call Mr Robeson	41 attended
Birkett and Fisk	50 attended
Our Francis	38 attended
Barnes and Newton Jazz	77 attended

Thank you for supporting the events.

Flyers will be sent out soon for our next season of events.

Please note that membership of the SVA entitles you to discounted rates for our events.

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## **TREASURES REPORT AND ELECTION OF AUDITORS**

Steve Killick presented.

Thanks were recorded to the auditors Smailes Goldie for producing the accounts without charge.

Copies of the accounts had been produced and were available at the meeting. Thanks were also expressed for support from local companies including Colletta and Tyson, to Mal Cracknell for negotiating good prices, to the Parish Council for their grants and to those SVA members who pay more than their membership fee to support the Association.

Questions were asked about the money promised by McCarthy and Stone because only half of the sum promised had been received. SK said that this would be followed up.

Some discussion took place about the dates at the bottom of the accounts and it was concluded that this would be made clearer in future years by including the actual year that the accounts refer to.

A question was asked about the payment from the Parish Council for their insert in the Newsletter. It was clarified that the invoice now goes directly to the Parish Council for payment.

It was proposed that Smailes Goldie continue in their role of auditor. This was proposed by Steve Killick and seconded by Yvonne Dumsday.

## **7. MEMBERSHIP**

Louise reported that 2017 had seen some improvement in membership levels. The membership fee remains at £2. We have 346 members this year. The membership runs from January to December however I am taking membership fees for next year now. One benefit of membership is that if residents come to live shows and purchase tickets in advance they will receive a £1 discount on the ticket price.

A hamper was raffled at the AGM and won by Pamela Lamb.

## **8. AOB**

A discussion took place regarding the planning consultation at West Leys Road. Comments were required by 21 November 2018 on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Website.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:**

**Chairman: Jan Rogerson** (nominated by Yvonne Dumsday, seconded by Val Anderson).

**Deputy Chairman: Yvonne Dumsday** (nominated by Ian Macfarlane, seconded by John McKain).

**Treasurer: Steve Killick** (nominated by Yvonne Dumsday, seconded by Jan Rogerson).

**The rest of the committee were willing to remain in their posts** (nominated by Mal Cracknell, seconded by Ian Macfarlane).

There were no objections to the elections.

Should anyone wish to join the Committee please let one of the current members know. We would welcome any new members.

The hamper was won Pat Cracknell.

Meeting closed 20.30pm and was followed by an informative talk given by Elizabeth Godber. Thanks to Elizabeth for her time.

The evening concluded with cheese and wine.