

# SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

## Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Meeting was held in the Village Hall and commenced at 7:30pm

**APOLOGIES:** Marion Escreet

**PRESENT:** Jan Rogerson, Yvonne Dumsday, Belinda Jones, Linda Mitchelson, Roy Kennington, Angela Carpenter, Claire Tait, Richard Fowler, Val Anderson, Julie Swift and Karen Cowing.

**321. Minutes:** The minutes from the meeting of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 were approved.

**322. Matters arising:** There were no matters arising.

**323. Committee membership and roles:**

Karen Cowing agreed to become minutes secretary and to inform Graham Latter of new committee members and their roles. The original committee members agreed to continue their previous roles.

**324. Treasurer's Report:** Belinda Jones has now taken over the role of treasurer. She is arranging for cheque books and signature for accounts to be updated. She explained that all information is not yet available and she is in the process of finalising the statement. Also monies have been received for cleaning and from pond grant partnership but payments out have not yet been made.

**325. Correspondence:** there was no correspondence to report.

**326. Membership report:** Roy reported that following on from the recent membership drive, there were now 515 members of the SVA. This does not include members who have set up a standing order from October 2013. Also from the membership drive 27 households requested a standing order form, of which 12 have been received.

Jan discussed with the committee the idea of speaking to businesses in the village about supporting the SVA in its endeavour to keep Swanland a pleasant place to live and work. She had spoken to one business who gave encouraging

feedback about the idea. The committee suggested various titles for this SVA / local business relationship and it was felt **Business supporter of Swanland Village Association** would be appropriate. A business subscription rate of £5 annually was suggested. Belinda kindly offered to arrange a suitable card for the business to display stating their support for the current year. It was felt appropriate that business supporters would be listed on the SVA newsletter.

Julie Swift and Val Anderson agreed to liaise with all the local businesses and to draft a letter explaining about the venture.

Richard discussed about businesses advertising on the SVA Facebook page ; the committee did not feel this was appropriate.

**327. Swanland screen/Live:** Yvonne reported that the last two events had been well attended. She was pleased to report that Swanland had been offered the booking of an international professional theatre company for May 2014. She was looking at the logistics of extending this event and will report back at a future date.

**328. SWG & Pond:** The maintenance day of October 12<sup>th</sup> had been successful and very well attended despite poor weather conditions. A film crew had been present and Swanland MAY feature in an upcoming programme on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 being shown on BBC2.

Jan informed us that Hugh Roberts who is an expert on ponds had identified 2 sites of leakage from the pond; work had been carried out to stem the leaks which will hopefully resolve the problem.

**329. Swanland in bloom:** There was no report from Swanland in Bloom.

**330. Newsletter:** On behalf of Marion, Yvonne passed on thanks to Roy and Graham for all their help with producing the newsletter.

The deadline for the next issue is: 31.01.2014

**331. History Group/ Heritage Centre:** Yvonne reported that the opening of the Heritage Centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November had been well attended. It will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays until Christmas. It will then close for a period of training until March 2014 .From March it will be open between 2-4pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. It was noted there are currently over 40 people willing to volunteer in varying roles.

It was noted that the Parish Council, the History group and the SVA had paid for the first 18 months rent for the Heritage Centre. Future funding is hoped to be raised by asking people to become “Friends of the Heritage Centre”, paying a subscription of £10 a year. Other monies are being raised from sale of calendars and notebooks .A grant has been received which has been used to purchase a viewing panel display.

**332. AGM:** Jan reported that the AGM was well attended and 3 new committee members had been elected. Possible potential speakers for next year’s AGM were discussed.

**333. Future dates for meeting:** The following dates were agreed for future meetings:

10.03.2014

03.06.2014

01.10.2014

It was agreed to rotate the day of meeting to accommodate different member’s commitments.

The date of next year’s AGM has not yet been finalised and will depend on possible speaker availability.

The venue for meetings is to be finalised.

**334. AOB:** Jan suggested setting aside ½ hour before the start of future committee meetings for any villager to attend and raise issues they are concerned about. This would be a designated SVA open forum which will be advertised in the newsletter, however prior notification by the attendee will be required.

Jan also discussed how as an organisation we can involve / engage with the young people of the village. It was suggested that advertising the open forum as a means for young people to attend may be appropriate.

A card of thanks was signed for Jean Williams.

The meeting finished at 8:50pm.