

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting:

12 February 2018 at Christ Church, Swanland

The meeting started at 7.30pm

ATTENDING:

Jan Rogerson (Chair)	JR
Linda Mitchelson	LM
Louise MacFarlane	LMcF
Steve Killick	SK
Julie Swift	JS
Angela Carpenter	AC
Marion Escreet	ME
Val Anderson	VA
Yvonne Fisher	YF
Mal Cracknall	MC

APOLOGIES: Yvonne Dumsday and Richard Fowler

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: 4 December 2017. These were passed as accurate with two amendments which have been made and the minutes reposted on the website. (Minutes of last meeting were October and not June.)

MATTERS ARISING:

The Parish Council will deal with the bin.

The litter picking instructions are in abeyance.

Two high viz jackets are in the cart. The remainder to be given to Marion Escreet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Total funds £11,900, £7,800 of which is held exclusively by SVA.

Swanland in Bloom £1,560

History Group £1,186

Pond Partnership £1,294

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership numbers as follows:

2016 317

2017 346

2018 230 to date

SWANLAND FESTIVAL: 7 to 15 July 2018 inclusive. To date the following will take place:

Friday 13.7.18 – Kelvin Baldwin’s music in the Village Hall

Gala will be replaced by Swanfest on Saturday 14.7.18 2pm – 7pm at the playing fields

Hog roast in aid of www.swanlandschoolnairobi.org 14.7.18 7pm onwards at Nursery House

U3A – subject to be confirmed

Ceilidh on the Saturday

Music event one night

Library Reading Group

U3A Choir 6.7.18

Catherine Scott

A Piper

Humberside Radio (Phil White) Friday afternoon 6.7.18.

Events, dates and times to be confirmed in the May 2018 Newsletter.

SWANLAND SCREEN & LIVE SHOWS

<https://www.facebook.com/SwanlandScreen>

<http://www.swanlandvillagehall.info/forthcoming-events.htm>

Problems reported with the hire of films which hopefully are now resolved and that the following will go ahead:

Arrival 17.2.18

Sully 17.3.18

Victoria and Abdul 21.4.18

Live shows:

28 April 2018 Call Mr Robeson <http://www.tayoalukoandfriends.com/robeson/>

12 May 2018 Birkett and Fisk <https://www.birkettandfisk.com/music.html>

It is reported that the Swanland Screen hopes to break even by the end of the season.

There was a suggestion to advertise screenings and shows on <https://nextdoor.co.uk>

A problem was report with the link from the SVA website for Swanland Live Show. This now appears to be working.

POND PARTNERSHIP: No update at this time.

SWANLAND IN BLOOM: Mal Cracknell gave an informative report from Swanland in Bloom which is attached to the minutes for reference.

NEWSLETTER:

Deadline was 28 January 2018 for the Newsletter to be delivered week commencing 26 February.

Pink membership will go in annually.

There was a suggestion that SVA Members receive discounts at Swanland Festival on pre-paid tickets.

HISTORY GROUP/HERITAGE CENTRE

No update at this time.

AOB:

Parish Council are generously paying for the last village sign which will be positioned on Woodgates Lane. Thanks go to the Parish Council.

DATE OF 2018 MEETINGS:

12 February

11 June

8 October

15 November – AGM – Village Hall

10 December

All Committee meetings to commence 7.30pm in Christ Church, Swanland

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

SWANLAND in BLOOM Report Feb.2018

The Good, the Bad & the Ugly Comments & Suggestions

Jobs for 2018

Repair & paint the wooden fence at the back of the pond.

Dig out and lay weed membrane & gravel in the small border at the pond side of the fence. Last year I did a small section above the seating area & the Waters Edge bed.

Renew the 4 half barrel planters outside of Christchurch. Mike Ferguson will construct them charging only for materials. I have requested square ones. (M&S bid)

Hayracks

In March I will be contacting Deepdale Nursery requesting a quote for planting 13 Hayracks. We have been fortunate they have supplied them FOC the last 2 years. If we have to pay this year I suggest we recover the cost of the 2 hayracks at Stanifords and the one at the at Euens ??? and asked the Village Hall for a donation for the 5 on the village hall railings.

Bedding Plants

I understand Brian Tyson has left the village, probably retired, I will contact him in April with a request for a donation of plants.

The Swan

4 years ago I had a template of a swan made (FOC). The planting wasn't success mainly due to not being able to purchase white bedding plants, most bedding are mixed colours. I have 'liberated' 77 tuberous white begonias that were being dumped, so hopefully we may have a white swan in all it's glory by the pond.

Pond Side Fence

I want to remove the west end section of the fence, where it overshadows the flower bed. The fence serves no purpose, it makes it difficult to plant & weed up the bed. I have a couple of ideas. Remove the fence entirely and replace with a section of wrought iron fencing. I have had some 'silly' quotes for this. Alternatively cut the fence down, I have discussed this with Mike Ferguson and he agrees it could be done and he will assist me. See photos. I will submit my request to the PC who I'm sure will have to consult with ERYC as it is their fence.

I replaced the combination padlock on the gate at Christchurch as requested by Mike Burman. The code remains the same.

May 27th I'm organising a Village Garage Sale.

July 8th I'm organising Swanland Open Gardens

Both events will be raising money for Swanland in Bloom

Recently I was asked if someone opens their garden and raises money for charity etc will they have to pay 10% of the proceeds to the Festival Fund. I always advise anyone opening their garden they are a liberty to raise money for whatever I'm not interested I only want the garden. I pay 10 % to the festival fund from the surplus raised at the Open Gardens.

McCarthy & Stone

I submitted the following projects (via Alyson) to McCarthy & Stone in response to their community appeal email.

Replace the 4-half barrel (flower planters) outside of Christ Church and the flower box at the corner of the pond. * **Quote attached**

Power wash, re-sand and seal the tegula paving alongside the pond. The area to be cleaned, re-sanded & sealed; is the block paving west of the entrance to the GP's surgery, the footpath alongside the surgery, the area near the pump & the entrance to the bowling club, the defined foot path across the road leading to Mere Flats, (but not the road) the area near the Waters Edge bed, including the new block paving, the footpath running East along the pond fence past the bus stop.

* **Quote attached**

Paint the white fence alongside the pond.

Dig out and concrete the border alongside the path next to the flower bed leading towards Mere flats. This is a narrow border adjacent to the bowling club fence & hedge. It is always full of weeds and soil gets washed down onto the path causing problems.

Renew the Frame of the Swan Sign. This sign is part of Swanland Heritage and is in very bad condition, rotten and falling apart.



Replace the damaged plastic 'windows' in the bus shelter opposite the pond