

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee Meeting:

Monday 12th June 2017 at The Village Hall, Swanland

The meeting started at 7.30pm

ATTENDING:

Val Anderson	VA
Angela Carpenter	AC
Yvonne Dumsday	YD
Richard Fowler	RF
Steve Killick	SK
Louise MacFarlane	LMac
Jan Rogerson (Chair)	JR
Julie Swift	JS

APOLOGIES: Marion Escreet
Linda Mitchelson

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: 6th February 2017. These were passed as accurate

MATTERS ARISING: JR reported that John Wheeler had agreed to speak at the AGM in November

CORRESPONDENCE: None

TREASURES REPORT:

SK reported. Finances remained healthy with over £10,000 in the two bank accounts. The SVA was holding funds for the Pond Partnership (£871), the History Group (£1,423) and Swanland in Bloom (£1,927), leaving £6,565 for SVA general use.

YD reported that the History Group might wish to have a letter on file formalising their funds. This was welcomed and the letter is awaited.

SK raised the issue that money received from the Parish Council for litter picking around the village presumably was based originally on the minimum wage for 2 hours work a week, and that over the years the minimum wage had increased but not the amount received. It was resolved that SK write to the Parish Council politely requesting they consider increasing this payment.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

LMac reported that the SVA now has 329 members compared to 317 at this time last year. £870.10 had been collected as membership fees and associated donations.

A request had been received from one member as to whether those on watering or litter picking rotas should be entitled to a refund of their membership fee. This was discussed but in the spirit of volunteering it was felt the system was fine as it is.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP:

VA and JS reported that £135 had been received from business members. Two members had been lost but 5 gained, making a total of 27 members.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

SWANLAND FESTIVAL:

The need to finalise dates for next year's festival was recognised and these will be decided upon in the near future.

SWANLAND SCREEN and LIVE SHOWS:

YD reported. The Village Hall had been booked for the second half of 2017 and the first half of 2018. Tentative bookings of live shows were ongoing and the annual meeting to decide on films to book would be held soon.

SWG + POND:

The dye test on the possible leak from the pond had been inconclusive. There was also a possible leak in the drain from the pump house. Alyson Ell had sent a letter to the Council with a request to investigate the drain.

SWANLAND IN BLOOM:

A great deal of thanks was expressed for Mal Cracknell and his team for all their hard work with Open Gardens. The SVA had presented Mal with a clock for his garden as a token of appreciation and were glad to hear of his wish to continue with this work.

NEWSLETTER:

Thanks were expressed for the work of Marion Escreet in preparing the most recent edition, which was felt to be particularly informative.

HISTORY GROUP/HERITAGE CENTRE:

YD informed the committee that Heritage Group was involved in the development of an 'audio trail' around Swanland, which would be downloadable to a smart phone. One plan was to introduce the audio trail at the time of the Walk the Halls, to help promote both the Village Hall and the Heritage Centre together.

AOB:

None

NEXT MEETING:

Monday 2nd October 7.30pm at Christ Church

The meeting closed at 9.10pm