

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 8 March 2016 at Swanland Village Hall.

The meeting started at 3pm

OPEN FORUM: Mal Cracknell attended to update the committee on progress with the Community Garden by the pond and other gardening matters. Paul Harrison (Burman Builders) started digging out to prepare the area this morning (8 March). As 24 sleepers have been donated for the Sleeper Wall there is no need now for £20 donations towards it. Geoff Chapman to look into suitable trees for new garden. The Swanland apple tree will be bare rooted so will not be planted until October. There will be a seat in memory of Carole Ledgard donated by her friend Anne Matthuis – Mal to meet her On 9/10 March. Swanland Parish Council have expressed interest in donating a bench for the area near the new garden – Mal to check prices with supplier. Swanland Parish Council approved £380 + VAT for new wrought iron fence. Possibility of hoops on top of Sleeper Wall. The wrought iron Swanland in Bloom sign would be better on new fence. There will be no hay racks on wall of pond – too dangerous to be watered and maintained. The wooden fence is in need of repair and painting – can be painted soon but repairs will have to wait until a later date – possibility of asking Alyson Ells if her group of people could help with this. Troughs might have to be removed due to fence bending. A Bird Feeding Station has been suggested to be sited near the new garden – it would need to be firmly secured. Another suggestion is Bird Boxes made by the Loncasters in aid of the Jamie Loncaster cardiac fund.

Christine Porteous would like to create an 'edible garden'. She has been offered the wooden box from near the allotments to be sited near the pump at the end of the Doctor's surgery. The box will need painting. Possibility of a Flower Tower to replace boxes near Doctors Surgery – maybe next year.

The 4 tubs outside Christ Church are rotten and will be replaced with 4 square wooden boxes which are being donated. They should be ready for summer planting.

Mal suggested geraniums for summer bedding but he would like suggestions from anyone interested. Deepdale Nursery (Barton-on-Humber) has offered to fill 12 hayracks in return for a full page advert in the Swanland Signpost – this would cost £200 and could come out of Swanland in Bloom fund. Stanifords and Euens would still pay £60 and £30 respectively for their hayracks.

The Swanland Village Sign near the pond needs replacing – Mal has got some quotes. It needs a new hardwood frame. Mal has further work to do on detail so will not be done until October.

Volunteers are needed for the Watering Rota during the summer – Steve Killick agreed to help.

There is £1407 in the Swanland in Bloom fund.

£2600 for block paving has been given anonymously.

The new garden is to be called Waters Edge. Sleepers are to be painted with bitumastic. There are 2 seats for the new garden.

ROY KENNINGTON co-opted onto the committee to be responsible for delivering Welcome Packs – passed unanimously!

APOLOGIES: Linda Mitchelson and Val Anderson.

TREASURER: Steve Killick was introduced to the committee. He reported : Closing Balance : £10,000

Income: £17,000 Expenditure : £15,000 Petty Cash : £22 ? Seems to be only £7. Steve would like to know about the Santander Account books .

Swanland Wildlife Group (now SPP) :£696 History Group : £1423 Swanland in Bloom to have a separate column : £1407

MEMBERSHIP: Louise MacFarlane reported 206 paid up members so far this year. Total of £404 + £63 donations. 5 came in after the Newsletter went out. Roy is delivering membership cards. We had 525 members in 2013. Steve K suggested £10 per household.

Suggestion from Jan – join with Parish Council – money put on Parish rates ? Parish Council pays SVA £340 per month for litter picking and for the flowers.

Rich suggested raffle at end of financial year for members only at AGM. This would be giving something back and could be advertised in the SVA Newsletter.

LITTER PICKING: Dave Mitchelson reported 2 people less on rota – Steve Killick offered to help.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: 4 extra members : Swanland House, Adamsons, Paul Harrison, Joiners at West End. Total now of 25.

NEWSLETTERS: Angela C – thanks to Val Anderson for delivering extras where necessary. Next time there will be Newsletter + Signpost + Festival Programme. Yvonne and Jan offered to help with this. Louise to find out costs for Royal Mail to deliver. List of Businesses Memberships to go in next Newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER: Jan reported that there was a proposal that the P C Newsletter could be delivered with the SVA Newsletter. P C pay £168 x 3 per annum for delivery at present. There must be a different colour paper for P C News. Yvonne pointed out that both organisations work for the village. Jan to take back to P C that this could start with the Autumn SVA Newsletter and P C would be charged for delivery.

FESTIVAL: at present there are 30+ events booked for the Festival 9 – 19 July. Programme needed to be completed as soon as possible after 30 April.

SCREEN: this has been very well attended and by people outside the village. We are £560 in the black. Ferriby Village Hall will be showing Vintage and classic films. They are buying their own equipment.

LIVE: two more shows to come. 23 April – Indian Dance Group. On Sun 1 May at 2.30pm – one woman play set in Ireland. There will be an Interval then a question and answer session. Buy 9 tickets and get 1 free for schools. There will be a profit on both shows. £320 in the black.

SPP: Spring Maintenance Day – 19 March. £1800 in from St Modwen. Rep. from SPP to go and committee accepted we would be on the Environmental body (5 officers).

HERITAGE CENTRE: Opened last Friday (4 March). A temporary exhibition on Tranby House, Hessle will be up for 1 month. H C will be open on Fri/Sat/Sun during the festival. There will be a speaker on WW1 in the Festival. H C AGM speaker is a retired village PC.

AOB: Jan – we should use the full title of Swanland Village Association and not SVA all the time.

Louise – Agenda and minutes should be circulated. SVA must be promoted particularly during Swanland Festival.

John White – Suggestion for new name for group – Swanland Pond Improvement Group. Suggests we should always put SVA before the name of each group.

Louise to ask printers for price for A5 Christmas cards (200).

Email Yvonne days and times not available for meetings. Afternoon meetings ?

Date of next meeting : **Tuesday 7 June at 7.45pm.**