

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting

Thursday 2nd October 2014

The meeting was held at Mere House, Swanland (the date and venue was changed due to member unavailability) and commenced at 7:30pm.

OPEN FORUM: There were no attendees for the pre meeting session.

APOLOGIES: Linda Mitchelson, Angela Carpenter, Val Anderson, Roy Kennington, Richard Fowler, Claire Tait.

PRESENT: Jan Rogerson, Yvonne Dumsday, Belinda Jones, Julie Swift, Marion Escreet, Karen Cowing.

365. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting 03/06/2014 were approved.

366. Matters arising: ITEM 353 The new Swanland sign has been completed and is ready for delivery. The SVA will arrange payment to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the sign would be sited on **Dale Road** on the left hand side on entering the village and that bulbs should be planted around its base.

Yvonne is arranging quotes for a "not feeding ducks" sign for the pond.

367. Correspondence: The committee has not received any correspondence.

368. Treasurer's Report: Belinda reported that current total bank balance is £ 10,907: this includes History group money £1,233; Wildlife group money £ 531 and the money for the new Swanland sign has yet to be paid.

ENTRUST (the body responsible for regulating the spending of money from landfill tax) has recently audited the SVA. Following this Belinda has been made aware of possible sources to apply for grants for the benefit of the village.

369. Membership Report: The current membership total is 364 which is approximately 100 less members than the previous year which saw membership rise after a recruitment drive by Richard and Claire. Details of how to join will be printed in the forthcoming newsletter. There have been 17 business members introduced this year. Ways of boosting membership were discussed including the possibility of liaising with Swanland School and putting inserts in the newsletter explaining about the SVA.

370. Reports from other committee members: There is one less volunteer on the litter picking rota.

371. Swanland screen/Live : Swanland screen started in September with 58 people attending . The next showing is *The Railway man* on the 18th of October. The first **Live** show will be on the 26th of October, *Taming of the Shrew* performed by “Two Gents”.

372. SWG and Pond: The 18th of October is pond maintenance day and volunteers are required.

It was felt appropriate to mention in the forthcoming newsletter the sad news of the death of Carol Ledgard who was a friend of the SVA , the village and its wildlife. She leaves a legacy including: bat boxes, owl boxes, the wild life group, the S.W.I.A.S. , feeding the ducks with grain and instigating the pond renovation. We are indebted to her .

373. Swanland in bloom: It was reported that Mal is looking at buying polyanthus plants for spring.

374. Newsletter: Marion reported that the plan is for the newsletter to be at the printers by 14.10.2014 and delivery to be for 24.10.2014. Jan thanked Marion for all her hard work in putting together the newsletter (with Graham Latter).

375. Heritage Centre: Yvonne informed us that funding is in place to support the Heritage Centre up until the end of 2015. A 2 part talk by Ken Knox with a bring your own supper is planned for 08.11.2014 at the Village hall with proceeds going to the heritage Group.

376. A.O.B. White linen table cloths have now been purchased and can be used by any SVA member. Possible storage sites for the table cloths and the new SVA T shirts were discussed. Yvonne will contact Claire to ask if she is able to design a poster for the AGM.

THE NEXT MEETING IS THE AGM TO BE HELD AT THE UPSTAIRS ROOM, VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY THE 10TH OF NOVEMBER. THE SPEAKER WILL BE CAPTAIN PHILIP COWING, HARBOUR MASTER HUMBER.THE TALK IS ENTITLED” *HARBOUR MASTER HUMBER....SOMEONE’S GOT TO DO IT!*”