

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting

Tuesday 3rd June 2014

Meeting was held at Christ Church in the south vestry and commenced at 7:30pm.

OPEN FORUM: Mr Mal Cracknell attended to give a report on Swanland in Bloom. Coletta and Tyson have kindly donated 780 bedding plants and a thank you card has been sent to Mr and Mrs Tyson. A further 300 plants costing £50 have been purchased and it is estimated that a further £20 plants are still needed to complete the current planting. Eleven hayracks have been filled (3 funded by local businesses), Belinda will arrange invoice from Swanland Nurseries and arrange payment. A local resident has generously made and supplied a planter box which is now in place at the pond corner. The resident wishes to remain anonymous but it was agreed it would be appropriate to send a thank you card and gift. Jan will arrange this. Maintenance work is ongoing; hayracks were painted last winter, further painting is planned of fences, tubs and planters. The pond "Swan sign" needs its frame replacing, Mal reported he had hopefully found someone to replace it and has contacted the original artist (Glynn Barker) to touch up the painting. Mal asked for help storing spare hayracks and Yvonne kindly offered to store them. This year there are 14 gardens, 4 of which are new taking part in "open gardens". There will be an all day BBQ at one of the gardens. SVA committee members will arrange selling programmes for the event (Jan, Angela, Yvonne, Linda and Val will arrange to cover the day between them). Mal informed the committee that this is his final year organising the Swanland open gardens. **The SVA committee expressed their thanks for all the hard work that Mal has done over the years and are grateful for his continual involvement in Swanland in Bloom.**

APOLOGIES: Richard Fowler and Claire Tait.

PRESENT: Jan Rogerson, Yvonne Dumsday, Belinda Jones, Roy Kennington, Julie Swift, Val Anderson, Marion Escreet, Angela Carpenter, Linda Mitchelson, Karen Cowing.

350. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting 10/03/14 were approved.

351. Matters arising: ITEM 349: Jan has visited Mr Robert Edwards regarding stored historical paperwork; he is able to continue storing the items for the time being.

352. Correspondence: Jan has sent a card to Kerry who ran Swanland post office until its recent relocation to give thanks for her support of the SVA during her time as post mistress.

353. Treasure's report: a payment of £ 310 has been received for street cleaning. Balance of finances for beginning of May was £ 1764 current account, £6537 savings account.

Jan suggested purchasing a further "Swanland swan sign" for the village and will look into the costing and proceed if falls within the budget of £2500.

Yvonne suggested purchasing a number of T shirts with the swan logo for Swanland in bloom gardeners to wear .As there is a special offer on the price at present it was agreed to purchase 20 T shirts, assorted sizes.

354. Membership report: Current paid up membership was 340 in May; this is 17 less memberships than the same period last year. At the end of 2013 there were 520 members. There are 12 local businesses who have become members. Roy expressed **thanks** to those who have joined / rejoined so far this year. He reminded us that joining details are on the back of the newsletter and that standing order forms can be supplied.

The committee discussed ways to advertise to encourage new memberships. Making A3 laminated posters to display at village events / Swanland festival was suggested.

355. Reports from other committee members: Linda informed us that there are now 36 volunteers on the litter picking rota.

356.Swanland festival: The festival programme is about to be proof read and a date of 21st/22nd June decided for delivery of SVA newsletter with festival programme.

357. Swanland screen/Live: the season has now finished until September; films for the new season will be chosen in the summertime. Both Swanland screen and Live ended the season in profit.

358.SWG + pond: Jan has recently attended a pond partnership meeting and reported that volunteers are required to do work IN the pond with the plants .The leak from the pond remains and the site (s) has not yet been identified . A grant has been received as well as an estimate for the works within budget; the parish Council have given permission for the works to proceed.

The Swanland Wildlife Information and Advice Service has now ended due to ill health of its organiser.

The SVA would like to place on record huge thanks to Carol Ledgard for her hard work in organising & running SWIAS; formal thank you will be published in the next SVA newsletter. It was agreed that Jan would send a thank you card to Carol and it was felt a gift was not appropriate due to Carol being so seriously ill.

359. Swanland in Bloom: This update was covered by Mal in the open forum.

360. Newsletter: The newsletter is currently at the printers. **Thanks were expressed to Marion, Roy and Angela for arranging the newsletter and organising its delivery.**

361. History Group and heritage centre: Yvonne informed us that the History group is now defunct. The Heritage website is about to go live. There has been a steady stream of visitors to the heritage centre and donations of relevant items continue to be received. The centre will be open for both weekends of the Swanland festival.

362. Advertising pre meeting slot: Jan proposed that a paragraph in the next newsletter will advertise the open forum stating that:

The time slot will be 7:30 – 8 pm.

There will be a maximum of 2 attendees; who after their presentation will not be permitted to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Any issues raised will be discussed by the committee in A.O.B. and a separate subcommittee may be required to deal with a specific issue.

The minutes secretary is to be informed at least 2 weeks before the SVA meeting to allow the agenda to be finalised.

363. Business members advertising in the newsletter: It was discussed that the purpose of being a business member is not for (free) advertising in the newsletter; however a thank you to the business community alongside a list of named business supporters will be published in the autumn newsletter. Adverts for the newsletter and/ or website can be purchased separately to being a business supporter of the SVA.

364. A.O.B.: Val asked Yvonne to arrange quotes to purchase a sign for the pond asking people not to feed the ducks. Julie asked for advice about a family of foxes living near her home; it was suggested she contact East Riding council for advice.

THE NEXT MEETING IS 1ST OCTOBER 2014 AT CHRIST CHURCH 7:30 pm

The meeting finished at 9:45pm