

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee meeting: Thursday 1st October 2015

Upstairs room at Swanland Village Hall; meeting commenced at 7:38pm

AGENDA

PRE MEETING: There were no attendees at the open forum.

APOLOGIES: Belinda Jones, Liz Johnson

PRESENT: Jan Rogerson, Yvonne Dumsday, Louise Macfarlane, Marion Escreet, Angela Carpenter, Val Anderson, Julie Swift, Linda Mitchelson, Richard Fowler, Karen Cowing.

422. Minutes from 08.06.2015: The minutes were approved

423. Matters arising:

ITEM 417: The Parish Council is to meet in the next few days, where the willow tree by the pond will be discussed.

424. Correspondence: There has been no correspondence.

425. Treasurer's Report: Total funds held currently stand at £7501, this INCLUDES £792 held for the *Wildlife Group* and £1423 held for the *History Group*.

The committee are saddened to hear that Belinda will not be continuing in her role next year. New members are sought which will be asked for at the upcoming agenda and it was agreed to post the need for a new treasurer and committee members on the **Facebook** page .

426. Membership Reports:

SVA MEMBERSHIP: There are currently 387 paid up members, generating £774 in fees and £151 in donations. Last year there were 373 members.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP: There are currently 24 paid up members; 7 of which are new this year. Val suggested liaising with Belinda to arrange the printing of the BUSINESS MEMBER stickers for the next 5 years and kindly agreed to organise this.

427. Reports from other committee members:

LINDA reported that the number of volunteers for *litter picking* has fallen to 28. A new rota has been done and volunteers are asked to consider any contacts they have to join the rota.

JAN reported that a site down Occupation Lane has been chosen for the new *Swanland Sign*.

YVONNE reminded committee members to pass items to RICHARD for posting on Facebook and suggested placing an item in the next newsletter asking residents to “friend” the SVA on Facebook.

428. Swanland screen: The first film shown this season broke even; the next film is THE HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY showing on the 17th October.

LIVE: The performance booked for 24.10.15 has SOLD OUT.

429. Pond Partnership: The next maintenance day is 31.10.15. Following the repairs, it will not be known if the leak has been sealed until the pond is filled up. It was noted that Alyson Ell was recently interviewed about the pond and its volunteers by RADIO HUMBERSIDE.

430. Swanland in Bloom: MARION read Mal’s report. There is ongoing pruning at the back of the pond. Tubs ,boxes and hayracks at STANIFORDS & EWANS MERE COTTAGE have been planted .Further hayracks are due to be emptied and removed. Work on the “community garden” at the side of the pond is planned. RODGERS NURSERY of Pickering have donated a “*Fillingham Pippin Apple Bush*” to be planted in the new garden along with an information board explaining its Swanland origin.

Mal asked for suggestions for sponsorship for two new benches which are to be dedicated to Carol Legard and Paddy Crawford. YVONNE is going to speak to a contact about this and the possibility of SVA and Wildlife Group donating to this project was discussed.

431. Newsletter: Is currently at the printers and will be available for distribution in approximately one weeks time. MARION expressed thanks to ROY KENNINGTON and GRAHAM LATTER for their help with this project.

432. Heritage Centre: The centre had a successful opening over the National Heritage Centre weekend. YVONNE discussed the need for fundraising to cover the current shortfall in the rent. The centre will be closed from Christmas until March 2016.

433. Welcome packs: The committee discussed the content to go in the packs and YVONNE kindly agreed to coordinate the packs makeup and distribution.

434. SVA community grant: At previous meetings the possibility of setting aside a sum of money to be used as a community grant had been discussed. On reflection it was felt that this was not appropriate as it would be extremely difficult to define specific criteria of eligibility; however the SVA committee remain open to individual community requests which would be assessed on individual merit.

435. A.G.M.: To be held on Thursday 12th November in the upstairs rooms at the Village Hall. The speaker is JOHN WHEELER.

ANGELA (along with Shirley McCain) will arrange the food catering

YVONNE will arrange the wine and glass hire.

436. A.O.B.: RICHARD gave his apologies for the AGM.

A new meeting was agreed for Thursday 10th December, KAREN will arrange room booking.

The meeting finished at 9:30pm