

SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting: Tuesday 4th October 2016 at Swanland Village Hall

The meeting started at 7.45pm

PRE MEETING: OPEN FORUM: There was none.

APOLOGIES: Julie Swift and Rich Fowler

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Treasurers report should be amended to read £3,000 not £3,00 held for Pond Partnership, Swanland in Bloom and History Group

MATTERS ARISING:

Steve Killick volunteered to join the litter picking rota.

Litter picking numbers depleting. Now thirty two people on the rota.

As the SVA has no secretary at the moment, Steve Killick volunteered to contact the Parish Council to request the Parish Council increase the payment for litter picking.

Please make sure John White is informed of the address to which welcome packs are delivered.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

TREASURES REPORT: Finances doing well. End of financial year: £9,250 of which £3,700 is held for Pond Partnership, Heritage Centre and Swanland in Bloom. New Internet Bank account with Santander working well. Paying people immediately either by cheque or on line. Steve will attend to a gift for the Examiner who carries out the Examiner's Report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

100 members short of this time last year. Last year 404, this year 305.

Membership inserts in the newsletter to be discussed at the meeting in December after the AGM.

REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None.

SWANLAND FESTIVAL: Great Success despite two events being cancelled.

SWANLAND SCREEN: Lady In The Van very successful.

LIVE SHOWS: Dare Devil Rides to Jarama at 7.30 on Sat 26 November 2016.

Juliet Kelly Jazz and Blues – Songs from the Shows on Sat 3rd December 2016.

SWG + POND: On 4th October Shrubs in front of Village Hall cut back.

Sat 8th October Annual Maintenance of pond cutting back reeds etc.

A Pond Survey has been done and the Ecology has improved

SWANLAND IN BLOOM:

None. It was noted with regret Mal Cracknell has said he will no longer be organising the Open Gardens.

NEWSLETTER:

Ready to go to print. Delivery on 15th October. Thanks were given to Marion Escreet for all her hard work in editing the Newsletter and to Angela Carpenter for arranging delivery.

HISTORY GROUP/HERITAGE CENTRE:

Heritage Centre was open Friday – Sunday on National Heritage Week in September.. There was an increase in visitors.

AGM :

1. The 12th AGM will be on Thursday 17th Nov 2016 in the upstairs room at Swanland Village Hall.

The speaker will, once again, be John Wheeler talking on “The Reckitts and Swanland”.

2. There will be a free raffle for SVA members at the AGM.. The prize will be a Christmas Hamper to be sourced by Louise – to spend up to £50. Yvonne to buy raffle tickets.

3. Angela will obtain the food and Yvonne the wine and glasses

AOB:

1. Louise is arranging printing of Notelets depicting Swanland Scenes in packs of eight to be sold at the AGM.

NEXT MEETING after the AGM: Tuesday 6th December 2016 at 7.30.pm in the upstairs room at Swanland Village Hall.