

# Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Group at 28 Hall Close, Whissendine, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 at 2pm**

**Present, Gwen Griffiths, Jeff Eaves, Janet Jaconelli, Alison Keal and Peter Towsey**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Sue Spencer, Marion Lawrie

### **2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.**

There were none.

### **3. Finance and funding**

- a. An insert showing the revised mileage charges had been prepared for the September issue of the Grapevine and Gwen had laminated a few for drivers to keep in their cars.
- b. Peter reported that individual donations of various kinds had increased the balance to £1155.47. However it was felt that it would prudent to look for further grants so as to ensure the viability of the Scheme during the next few years when Local Authority funding is likely to be reduced. The Parish Council is unlikely to be able to find funds as they are currently incurring legal costs as a result of objections to the play park. It was agreed to approach the Feast Week committee (JJ to action ) Lands End (AK) Coop (GG) Melton Building Society (Jeff)

### **4. CRB checks**

There is still one form with Rutland CC.

### **5. Stats**

The latest figures were presented, the number of calls to the mobile had decreased but work records show an increase in activity. In part this is because befrienders are now picking up requests during their visits.

### **6. Any other business.**

- a. Sue Renton from Rutland Community Spirit had asked the group to advise some prospective new Schemes at Braunston and Exton but their funding has now been withdrawn. However Sam Howlett of Rural CC had asked for advice for a new Scheme at Long Clawson. The Rural CC will be subject to a reassessment of their performance this year ( they are currently rated at Level 3 which is the highest awarded) and Gwen would be interviewed on the phone on September 14<sup>th</sup> and asked for feedback on behalf of WGNS
- b. Alison asked what we were doing to attract new volunteers. She offered to approach the pre-school and do a presentation/display in an effort to attract younger volunteers. The group reviewed the list of those who had been cleared by CRB but are not currently active volunteers. It was suggested that some of these could be asked to cover befrienders' assignments during holidays and various pairing arrangements were made. Janet would do a piece for the October Grapevine asking for new volunteers.
- c. In Janet's absence during the first part of September Gwen would co-ordinate transport to Happy Circle

### **7. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2pm.