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### **Minutes of WGNS Management Group Meeting Held 3.30pm Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012 at 35 The Nook**

**Present:** Gwen Griffiths, Jeff Eaves, Peter Towsey, Sally Moyce, Sue Spencer, Alison Keal, Marion Lawrie

**Apologies:** Janet Jaconelli

No declarations of pecuniary interests

**Minutes** approved & signed. No matters arising

**Finance:** current balance £1520.30 but some cheques issued have not yet been presented for payment.

**Statistics:** Sue said that not all volunteers had returned work records. Phone enquiries were low possibly because service users made contact with their regular volunteer thus by-passing the volunteer phone. Also several regular users had moved away from Whissendine.

Befriending had reduced, again because of change in users circumstances. It was suggested that drivers be asked to mention the existence of the befriending service when they were taking a service user out. This might raise awareness and take-up of the befriending service.

**Autumn Craft Fair,** Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. WGNS responsible for refreshments and will run treasure hunt as additional fund raiser. Treasure Hunt map & prize has been organised by Alison. Albert will "man" treasure hunt stall. Volunteers needed to provide cakes and to serve refreshments.

**Garden Party** Monday 10th Sept at The Pastures, Cow Lane. Unsure of numbers attending, agreed to cater for approx. 30. Food to be provided by volunteers, some savoury items to be purchased.

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**Phone Problems:** Vodafone service has been intermittent lately and the volunteer phone has, at times, been unusable. However, the Vodafone service has now been restored

**Transport Costs:** WGNS costs are higher than Voluntary Action Rutland which provides service for villagers who attend day centre at Cottesmore. It was agreed that WGNS would not lower its charges as Day Centre transport is provided partly subsidised by Rutland County Council. WGNS does not have any subsidy.

**Letter from Mark Tyers** Team Manager, Rutland Social Services Adult Team. Requesting help to find additional people who may wish to use the mobile meals service. This letter had been sent to the Parish Council but was passed to WGNS for consideration. As it was unclear exactly what help the Team Manager was seeking Gwen agreed to contact him.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3.30pm, 1A Station Road.