

Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme

Chairman Gwen Griffiths: Secretary Janet Jaconelli: Treasurer Jeff Eaves
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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme Monday September 29th 2014 at 2.00pm.

Present: Gwen Griffiths (chair) Janet Jaconelli (Secretary) Jean Penny (Minutes Secretary) Jeff Eaves (Treasurer),

Ann Edmunds, Maureen Hodges, Alison Keal, Marion Lawrie, Sally Moyce, Jenny Pearce and Sue Spencer

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all to the third Annual Meeting of the Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme

2. Apologies for Absence

Cathy Billsdon, Geoff Griffiths and Albert Pearce

3. Presentation of the Report including statistics and website

The Secretary presented a résumé of events since the last AGM

- a. Advisory talks have been given to Desford and Bottesford villages who both now have a Good Neighbours Scheme up and running and to Lincolnshire Rural Community Council who were interested in the potential of the scheme.
- b. A presentation was made to the clerks and chairs of the Rutland Parish Councils and a short presentation made at the Whissendine Annual Parish meeting.
- c. Whissendine Good Neighbours Scheme has won an award from the Red Cross for Inspiring Work.
- d. Much appreciated donations have been received from villagers and £100 from Whissendine Parish Council.
- e. Annual Christmas meal for Volunteers, held at the Fox and Hounds Exton, was very much enjoyed.
- f. The annual Tea Party for clients and volunteers was held in the Village Hall due to poor weather and building work at The Red House. Numbers were down on previous years. It was agreed to start planning earlier, advertise more widely e.g. posters and be very clear that all villagers was welcome. An estimate of numbers attending is required.
- g. New Volunteers to the Good Neighbours Scheme for 2012/13 are Sue Griffin, Anna Clyde, Tony Lochery, Anne Gould
- h. Volunteers retiring for varying reasons from the Good Neighbours Scheme 2012/13 are Jane Beynon, John and Ann Sims, Terry Ashelford
- i. Statistics (tabled). **Assignments:** total 715. All aspects of assignments were up on 2012/13 with transport causing the greatest demand. **Phone calls:** total 102. Numbers of calls are similar to 2012/13 at 9 or 10 / month with the majority of calls being transport related. Sue was thanked for her work in maintaining the Good Neighbours Scheme website
- j. The Disclosure and Barring Scheme (DBS) has not changed in the year and one person is currently waiting for clearance.

All agreed it has been a busy and successful year

4. Adoption of the annual report

Jeff proposed that the report be accepted. Jenny seconded and all agreed.

5. Presentation of the annual Accounts

The treasurer presented his report and a breakdown of the accounts for 2013 - 2014. At the end of May 2014 the balance stands at £951.65. The annual accounts are on the website.

The treasurer pointed out that payments out are slightly more than receipts coming in. If this trend continues, there will be a need for fundraising at some point in future years.

6. Adoption of the annual Accounts

Janet proposed that the accounts be accepted. Sue seconded and all agreed.

7. Election of the management group

All members of the committee have agreed to continue and it was unanimously agreed that The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary would continue. However Gwen gave notice that she intends to stand down as chair next year.

8. Any other business.

a. There are Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme Fridge magnets still available.

Action: Jean to ask to put into shop and church with a 'help yourself notice'.

b. The folder needs to be updated.

Action: Janet to refresh and update.

c. It was agreed that there should be another Christmas meal for volunteers.

Action: Janet to organise and contact volunteers re date and location.

d. It was again stressed that all Good Neighbour Scheme activities should be recorded and agreed fares paid to driver or contributed to the scheme.

Action: Those arranging the booking should tell the client of costs.

9. Closing remarks

The Chair thanked all for coming to the AGM and the contributions of all.

The next management meeting will be at 2pm November 3rd.