

Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme

Chairman Gwen Griffiths: Secretary Janet Jaconelli: Treasurer Peter Towsey
www.whissendinegns.org.uk

Minutes of the Meeting of the Management on Wednesday January 5th 2011 at 10.30am

1. Apologies for Absence

Kate Sharpe, Peter Towsey

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests.

There were none.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on November 29th 2010

These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising.

a. Training

Kate had provided details of the courses offered by Voluntary Action Leicestershire but the Group felt that more basic training was needed for volunteers. It was decided that Gwen and Marion would put together a short presentation which could be delivered to the volunteers at a coffee morning some time in March.

b. Transport out of area

No further developments

5. Finance and funding

Janet had confirmation from VAL that WGNS could vire from the unused software budget and would progress the purchase of a printer/scanner/copier and filing cabinet

6. CRB checks

Nothing further had been heard from Rutland CC. One application form was still required so Jeff would draft a formal letter which Janet would send out on headed notepaper.

7. Website

The group liked the new website and Sue asked for more photos to be passed to her for inclusion on the front page. She has tracked the searches people were using to access the site; many were looking for volunteer information packs and forms and it was thought that a number may be those wishing to set up a similar scheme. The Rural Communities Council were currently trying to encourage similar schemes.

8. Future developments

The Whissendine Scheme was working well and there were no plans to change or extend it at present. An evaluation had to be carried out in the spring to present to the Village Parish meeting and to VAL who provided the funding. Gwen would draw up a brief questionnaire to be given to those who used the Scheme, and those who volunteered.

Sally had no new referrals for befriending and the group suggested that she contacted the vicar who might know of possible users for this service. It was accepted that though some residents appeared to be in need of support they were very independent and support could not be forced upon them.

The Happy Circle lunch had given rise to some regular requests for transport and Janet would contact Ann Edmunds to see if she could help in co-ordinating these in advance as she does for the Age Concern Lunch.

Marion would email the person who intends to set up a shop in the village and pass on our suggestions, and thanks for consulting us on the needs of the village.

9. Any other business.

Gwen and Andrew Moyce had received letters from the RCC asking for information about the progress of the Parish Plan and GNS. Gwen would complete the form they required with the suggestions made around the table.

10. Date of next meeting

February 9th 2010 at 10.am.