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Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Group at 30 Hall Close, Whissendine, Monday
12 January 2015 2pm

- 1 Present: Gwen Griffiths, Janet Jaconelli, Jeff Eaves, Alison Keal, Marion Lawrie, Sally Moyce, Jenny Pearce, Sue Spencer and Jean Penny

- 2 Apologies for Absence: Maureen Hodge

- 3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests: None.
Action: Remove from future agendas.

- 4 Minutes of the Management Group Monday 3 November 2014:
It was agreed that the Christmas meal was a success and that we should return there for the Christmas meal of 2015
Action: Janet to book
The minutes were agreed and signed.
Action: Sue to put on website.

- 5 Matters arising from the minutes:
 - A Fridge magnets: They have been distributed widely and there is good supply remaining.
Action: Remove from future agendas.

 - B Volunteer's coffee morning: The next coffee morning will be 10.30am on Tuesday 17 March 2015 at the Red House.
Action: Final arrangements to be made at the next meeting.

 - C Assisting clients with disabilities: Advice from V.A.R. is not to lift at all and so training is not recommended. All WGNS volunteers need to know this - not just drivers.
Action: Janet will copy relevant passages from the V.A.R. advice and email as an attachment to all volunteers. All recipients will be asked to confirm that they have received, read and understood the advice.

- 6 External relations
 - A Janet and Jean told of a meeting with two people who came to talk with regarding setting up a GNS in Ketton. Sue reported an email relating to 6 GNS starting in Lincolnshire.
Action: When future enquires are made for help and advice from WGNS, ensure anyone visiting has read the website information and ask for a donation of 'whatever is appropriate'.

B Ward Councillor: The new Ward Councillor came to offer advice and support. As WGNS came from the Parish Plan, he was asked if there was any way to know if WGNS has made any improvement in people's perception of isolation.

C Award: Everyone on the Management Group congratulated Jenny on her award of the British Empire Medal in the recent New Year's Honours List for her services to people with visual impairments.

7 Finance and funding:

Jeff presented the accounts showing WGNS with a current balance of £1029.36. One cheque has not yet been presented.

8 Stats/website:

Sue presented the latest figures for December 2014 and a comparison of 2013 and 2014. The statistics show that December 2014 was a quiet month and that although activity was slightly down, it was agreed there was no cause for concern.

9 Update on current clients / volunteers:

Clients needs were discussed. Jenny spoke of *Access to Work*, an organisation for anyone wanting to work with disability. It was agreed that this might be of use to some clients and to advise them as necessary.

Volunteers who for various reasons have taken a break were discussed.

Action: Ensure all invited to the coffee morning.

10 DBS renewal

After discussion, it was agreed there was no need to renew **for current members**. However if a volunteer was **new** to the **scheme** they **must** be DBS checked.

11 Phone rota:

Janet will take over the co-ordination of the phone rota.

Action: Email to Sue for website.

12 Any other business:

A Janet spoke of difficulties accessing the wheelchair in the church when light is poor.

After a discussion of the current position in the church, access to church lights and the security of the wheelchair, it was agreed that it should be left where it is.

Action: Those accessing the wheelchair should take a torch and remove the foot rests.

B Alison suggested approaching the Vodaphone, the WGNS mobile phone network provider, regarding any charity policy they may have especially as the phone is used less than 12 hours / day.

Action: Alison to investigate.

C Alison suggested contacting Waitrose in Stamford to see if WGNS could be a nominated charity for their token collection.

Action: Alison to investigate.

13 Date of next meeting:

It was agreed that future meetings should start at 3pm

Monday March 2nd 2015 3pm at The Moat House, 1a Station Rd Whissendine

Minutes prepared by Jean Penny on behalf of Janet Jaconelli, Secretary.