

**WHISSENDINE GOOD NEIGHBOUR COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY 2019
2.30PM, THE RED HOUSE, WHISSENDINE**

Present: Jeff Eaves, Alison Keal, Gwen Griffiths, Kate Hamilton, Maureen Hodge, Marion Lawrie
Apologies: Margaret McDiarmid

Matters Arising from minutes: New telephone is now in use. JE's email is now working properly. Sally Moyce is prepared to continue as signatory for cheques and will also continue to be responsible for the wheelchair.

New Volunteers: GG will visit two new volunteers whose DBS has been arranged and will deliver their cards. AK will contact another person who has expressed interest in volunteering particularly to give help with small "handyman" jobs if required. AK has however explained that the WGNS has a policy not to compete with local tradesmen.

DBS Update: MH has been required to update information and has confirmed that WGNS still wish to use the RCC system. JE is now the second contact apart from MH for the scheme. New applicants can now complete the DBS application online. MH must still check their documents and has agreed to help any volunteer who may have difficulty with the online application. Cost for DBS remains unchanged at £10.

Statistics: There has been an increase in transport requests. It is thought that some volunteers are still not recording and informing Sue of all their work for WGNS. It was thought that little could be done about this other than to continue to remind volunteers of the need to reflect the type and amount of work the scheme covers.

Volunteer Driver Notice (for placing in car window): GG will distribute more notices to all drivers. In addition GG will also distribute laminated mileage details (costs to local areas and hospitals).

Inclusion in Feast Week: To raise profile of WGNS, AK to contact Graham Bysouth, Feast Week committee, to discuss suitability of WGNS having information stall at one of the events. AK also to write article for Grapevine to remind villagers of WGNS's activities and that wheelchair is available if needed.

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Finance: Report attached. JE to transfer £1000 to deposit a/c. Client who required help to attend a hospital out of our region will have to attend that hospital again. JE has funds in a restricted a/c that can be used to contribute towards a private taxi for the journey. The taxi is cheaper than VAR transport. JE reported that a client could not pay for a WGNS drive and the driver was reimbursed by WGNS. JE will visit the client to request payment of the money owed.

AOB: AK to contact Jean Penny (WI) to discuss possible joint first aid training.

JE to update calendar for wheelchair use.

AK to confirm with Jean Penny that Christmas meal at Jackson Stops should go ahead as planned. It was agreed that committee members individually invite other volunteers, especially newer volunteers, to encourage them to attend.

JE to check WGNS insurance re drivers over age of 80. JE mentioned that people in Whissendine are being referred to more distant hospitals eg Hinckley and Loughborough.

AK confirmed WGNS can now provide help to a lady who lives with her daughter as the person in question now permanently resides with her daughter and also has her own bus pass.

Date of Next Meeting

2.30 Thursday 4th April