

**SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of AGM**  
**Thursday 16 November 2017 at The Village Hall, Swanland**

The meeting started at 7.30pm

**ATTENDING:**  
**PRESENT**

**COMMITTEE**

Jan Rogerson  
Yvonne Dumsday  
Steve Killick  
Louise Macfarlane  
Angela Carpenter  
Julie Swift  
Linda Michelson  
Marion Escreet  
Val Anderson  
Yvonne Fisher

1. **APOLOGIES:**

John McCain  
Mal Cracknell  
Margaret Dickinson  
Peter Dickinson  
Jeremy Allison  
Richard Fowler  
Richard Hoyes

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**MINUTES OF LAST AGM: 17 November 2016.** These were passed as accurate.

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**MATTERS ARISING:** Questioned whether the accounts were on the internet. This will be looked into and rectified.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

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**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Jan Rogerson, Chairman, welcomed the audience to the AGM and thanked the committee for their hard work and confirmed the talk about Swanland House, followed by cheese and wine to celebrate another successful year.

JR thanked all of the Committee for their hard work over the past year and reported that Yvonne Fisher has been appointed to minuting secretary. There

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are no resignations to report however there are vacancies on the Committee if anyone would like to join us.

Swanland is fortunate to have so many volunteer groups and thanked everyone who contributes in any way to the wellbeing of the village.

The hardworking Gardening Group led by Mally Cracknell has maintained and planted many areas of Swanland. The pond area has looked wonderful throughout the summer and many villagers and visitors have commented on the colourful displays. Thanks to them and the watering team too,

We are also grateful to the Trustees of the Village Hall who have agreed to an outside tap to enable all the hayracks to be watered much more easily.

Keeping the village clean and litter free is down to the group organised by Linda Michelson. The money we kindly receive from the Parish Council is given to Mally Cracknell who uses it to enhance the centre of the village with colourful bedding plants, shrubs etc.

The Pond Partnership has recently been hard at work cutting back the reeds and tidying up the vegetation around the village pond. This week has seen ERYC repairing the back wall and it will be interesting to see if the water levels are affected by this new brickwork. Alyson Ell masterminds this volunteer group and we thank her for her dedication and commitment that ensures the good quality of the water and resultant diversity of the pond life.

John White continues to coordinate the Welcome Packs for the new residents to our village. If you have a new neighbour or notice any 'sold' signs then please contact John. JR thanked John for his hard work.

The SVA business membership continues to flourish. Thanks to Julie and Val for organising this. An update of numbers is provided below.

Thanks to Graham Latter who looks after our SVA website and to Richard Fowler who keeps our Facebook page up to date.

Yvonne Dumsday will provide a report for Swanland Screen and the live events. JR thanked Yvonne for providing the village with such excellent entertainment in the village.

Radio Humberside visited Swanland and the afternoon programme was very well received by listeners. Locals were interviewed near the pond and Lara King was extremely interested in all of the information given by the guests. The roadshow will return next year at an appropriate time during Swanland Festival.

The SVA News is given to each household in the village and is very competently collated and produced by Marion Escreet. Marion was thanked for all of her hard work. The distribution is organised by Angela Carpenter and her helpers. Thanks to all for continuing to supply us with up to date information about the SVA and other groups.

Swanland Festival will take place from 7 July 2018 to 15 July 2018. Some events are already booked but if anyone would like to organise events of their own then please see Yvonne Dumsday or myself (Jan Rogerson). There will be a piper playing on the Sunday morning.

Steve Killick, our Treasurer, works very hard behind the scenes and our internet banking is now well established in spite of the teething problems.

Thanks to Steve for organising the finances so competently.

Swanland continues to be a thriving village mainly because of the commitment and enthusiasm of all the volunteers. We live in an exceptional village in which the SVA is proud to play its part.

Thank you to you all for your continued support.

### **Business Membership**

Val Anderson reported regarding business membership that of 25 businesses 3 did not renew. However, 5 new businesses joined which now make a business membership of 27 in total.

### **Swanland Screen and Live Events**

Yvonne Dumsday gave an update on Swanland Screen.

Swanland Screen has been running for 10 years without any problems until this month. The sub-committee meets and takes 3-4 hours to decide which films to show. We look at what people have asked for, reviews and try to choose a cross section to show monthly. An application was made for 8 films which was successful and flyers were produced. The magazines had gone to press when we received email to say DVD not released for Dunkirk. Our choice was either to show another war film or something different. I can report that this Saturday (18 November 2017) John Godber's latest film, Last Laugh, will be shown which premiered at Middleton Hall, Hull University recently. Filmed locally, it is not on general release. Amended flyers are available today.

The Live shows have been brilliant – Dare Devil Rides to Jarama was a recent live show and those who came said it was one of the best shows they'd seen. Last Sunday 94 turned up to see 'We are the Lions'. Another live performance was Juliet Kelly (jazz singer) and Ricardo Garcia and his flamenco dancer was very popular. He talked about his music and the influence on it which was informative.

28 April 2018 Call Mr Robeson

12 May 2018 Birkett and Fisk

We aim to breakeven. We have good support from the village – thank you for supporting the events.

### **5/6. TREASURES REPORT AND ELECTION OF AUDITOR:**

Steve Killick presented.

Copy of accounts has been produced and was available at the meeting. We received a grant to do work on the pond last year otherwise the figures for the two years were very much the same (except for some payments going in or being paid just before the close of accounts).

Also we do receive money towards things like Swanland in Bloom which is shown.

The SVA is adequately supported by the Parish Council ie keeping village clear of litter and a contribution towards Swanland in Bloom and the delivery of newsletter.

We need to consider how to spend the money. Your ideas are very welcome. We have volunteers to help with tasks and anyone is welcome to put forward ideas and/or volunteer in the future.

It was noted that there was income from Signpost last year but none this year – it was reported that it is allocated every two years which explains why there is none showing for 2017

There is income from advertisers at £179.

The accounts were accepted. SVA is well served by the auditors – Smailes Goldie. There were no objections to appointing them for the next year (2018). It was reported that Jeremy Allison is the named Auditor.

The appointment of Smailes Goldie as the auditors was agreed (proposed Jan Rogerson, seconded Yvonne Dumsday).

## **7. MEMBERSHIP**

Louise reported that 2017 had seen some improvement in membership levels. The membership fee remains at £2. We have 346 members this year. The membership runs from January to December however I am taking membership fees for next year now. One benefit of membership is that if residents come to live shows and purchase tickets in advance they will receive a £1 discount on the ticket price.

A hamper was raffled at the AGM and won by Pamela Lamb.

## **8. AOB:**

Expenditure was raised. It was pleasing that membership has gone up however it was noted that there are at least 60 new houses in the village.

There was a discussion around how to attract new members.

The location of the bin and cleaners cart discussed. It will be moved after Christmas.

Signpost down Woodgates Lane is required – SVA need to allocate money and ask the Parish Council.

It was noted that SVA appreciate those people who deliver newsletters but we could do with more for when people are on holiday. Volunteers are welcomed.

A suggestion was made for a get together for volunteering groups – many residents in Swanland serve on more than one committee and this is an example of how the village networks so well.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE:**

**Chairman: Jan Rogerson** (nominated by Yvonne Dumsday, seconded by Steve Killick).

**Deputy Chairman: Yvonne Dumsday** (nominated by Angela Carpenter, seconded by Jan Rogerson).

**Treasurer: Steve Killick** (nominated by Yvonne Dumsday, seconded by Jan Rogerson).

**Minuting Secretary: Yvonne Fisher** (nominated by Jan Rogerson, seconded by Yvonne Dumsday).

Richard Fowler: (nominated by Jan Rogerson, seconded by Steve Killick)

**The rest of the committee were willing to remain in their posts**

There were no objections to the elections

Meeting closed 20.15pm and was followed by an informative talk on Swanland House by John Wheeler.

The evening concluded with cheese and wine.