

## **SWANLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

**Committee meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Christ Church, Swanland.**

The meeting started at 7:30pm

**OPEN FORUM:** THERE WERE NO ATTENDEES AT THE OPEN FORUM

**APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.

**PRESENT:** Jan Rogerson, Yvonne Dumsday, Belinda Jones, Angela Carpenter, Marion Escreet, Val Anderson, Julie Swift, Linda Mitchelson, Louise Macfarlane, Karen Cowing, Kate Grant (invited to attend by Yvonne)

**390. Minutes from 15.01 2015:** The minutes were approved.

### **391. Matters arising:**

ITEM 379: The money raised by Mal Cracknell from "Open Gardens" at the 2014 Swanland Festival is to be used for paving outside the Institute. Mal is in discussion to arrange this; the SVA will continue to be custodians of the money until advised further.

Jan has sent a note of thanks to the Waters family for their support of the SVA during their time running the garden centre.

ITEM 385: A new net has been purchased by the Pond Partnership.

### **392. Correspondence:**

**i) Letter from Swanland Village hall Trustees:** An open day is being held on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hall's successful operations. The SVA agreed to man a stall which will sell memberships and advertise the activities of the SVA.

Jan will contact East Riding Council to arrange a clean up around the pond area for the anniversary celebration day.

**ii) An email advertising "national spring clean" from ERYC:** It was agreed that the SVA will not get involved directly with this venture.

**iii) Letter from Swanland Bowling Club requesting funding for new benches around the Bowling Green.** A discussion took place and it was agreed that the SVA would donate £125 to pay for one bench and the Festival would fund a second bench. It was felt that new benches would enhance the village as a whole; as villagers were welcome to sit and watch the bowling whether they were members of the club or not.

**393. Community village fund:** Jan discussed whether the SVA should set aside an amount of money to fund requests within the village for projects which would benefit the village. An

initial sum of £500 was agreed, the amount to be reviewed annually and all requests dealt with on individual merit.

**394. SVA insurance:** Jan has checked our current insurance policy to ensure it is adequate for our needs. She stressed the importance of informing our insurers when extra risk, such as pond cleaning, is taking place. The possibility of pond work being covered by the Parish Council's insurance was raised and Jan will discuss this further with them.

Belinda has received a renewal quote for the insurance of £284, the committee agreed to continue this policy.

**395. Business sponsors:** It was agreed that each business sponsor would be given TWO membership cards with their membership; enabling reduced entry to Swanland Screen/ LIVE performances.

**396. Treasurer's report:** Belinda reported that current funds total £10,424. Of this total monies are held for the History group (£1,408), Wildlife group (£648) and approximately £1400 for Open Gardens.

**397. Membership report:**

**i) SVA membership:** Currently there are only 198 paid up members (compared to 373 in 2014). The outcome of the membership leaflet insert in the forthcoming newsletter is awaited.

**ii) Business membership:** Four new businesses have agreed to become Business members: OLIVERS CAFÉ, 4247 HAIRDRESSERS, PEPPERTREE FLORIST and MARTIN EWEN. This brings the total to 21 business members.

**398. Report from other committee members:** Linda reported a reduction in volunteers to "pick litter"; there are currently 33 on the rota. Linda agreed to write an article for a future newsletter encouraging new people to volunteer.

**399. Swanland screen / LIVE:** The next film to be screened is "12 years a slave". Yvonne reported a venue booking problem for the film "Black Fish" due to be screened on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. She is working to resolve this as the event has already been advertised.

The recent LIVE performance about Sherlock Holmes was well received and the next LIVE event is 2<sup>nd</sup> May, performed by Theatre Newfoundland.

**400. Swanland Pond Partnership:** The next pond clean up day is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. A grant has been "ring fenced" to fund the repair of the pond.

**401. Swanland in Bloom:** There was nothing specific to report. Marion was asked to pass on thanks to Mal Cracknell and his team for their continued work in the village.

**402. Newsletter:** The newsletter was now ready to go to the printers. The printers will staple in the coloured insert promoting membership; there will also be a flyer included about the Heritage Centre. The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 24.04.2015.

**403. Heritage Centre:** The centre has now opened after the winter closure. Fundraising events have been arranged: a cake/ book stall on 14<sup>th</sup> March and a yard sale later in the year.

**404. Welcome packs:** Yvonne explained to KATE GRANT about the welcome packs and their contents; with a view to Kate kindly taking on the task of updating and distributing the packs.

**404. A.O.B.:** Potential speakers for the AGM were discussed.

The meeting finished at 9pm

The next meeting is MONDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> at Swanland Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.