

# MINUTES

## Whetstone Good Neighbours Scheme

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*7pm 25 Nov 2019*

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### In Attendance

Barry Fisher (Chair), Louise Hathaway, Jenny Hilton, Monica-Jean Hoare,

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Apologies for absence – Susan Popham

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### Pecuniary interests

The Meeting was reminded of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interests in the affairs of the scheme – None were declared

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### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, 14 October 2019, have been read and were declared to be a true and accurate record and signed off by the Chair. These will now be uploaded to the website.

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### Services Update

We currently have 47 registered users, and the number jobs booked in October was 115. Currently running higher than normal due to the flu jab season means more doctor's appointments.

We are currently looking into recruiting new volunteers to help with the transportation needs, and it is urgent that we find a call coordinator to take the pressure off the current volunteers, who also do the driving.

Services will be suspended during the Christmas period where we will be closed from Christmas Eve, to the New Year, to allow volunteers to spend precious time with their own families.

The Christmas Party was well received with the service users, volunteers, and everyone who attended reported they had really enjoyed themselves. Our special thanks go to The Bulls Head in Whetstone and Chris Carroll who organized the food, refreshments that provided that Christmas atmosphere along with the decorations, raffle prizes which were kindly donated, and our thanks to all the volunteers for making this a success.

There is nothing to report regarding safe guarding and DBS checks.

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### Financial update

The financial position is strong and looks good for the foreseeable future.

The cost of the Christmas Party was covered by ticket cost, raffle, and donations and it made a small profit to our fund raising account, our thanks go to everyone who kindly contributed to this event.

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## Chairman – Barry Fisher

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A discussion was held in regards to Barry Fisher Leaving, and how the scheme would continue.

It was decided and voted that Louise Hathaway would take the position of Deputy Chairman to chair the upcoming meetings. Whilst Barry will still participate in the meetings remotely, via the telephone, and be there for any support that is needed along the way.

We wish Barry all the best with his move and will be greatly missed.

We acknowledge all the work that Barry has done in making this scheme work, a job well done.

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## Any Other Business

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Helen Caple has offered to be Deputy safe guarding lead and do the DBS checks, this will assist Louise as she settles into her new role.

Suggestions for volunteer recruitment is to put some adverts in the local shop windows, and to look into placing adverts into the local journals and also the possibility of advertising on Facebook.

We are looking into running a stall one afternoon at the Co-op to speak to people about what we do, and how they can help us achieve a great service.

We have agreed that the Outstanding Achievement Award would stay with Barry in recognition of his hard work that has gone into the scheme.

No other business being raised the meeting was closed

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## Next Meeting

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The next meeting will take place in the Edward Wright Room at 7:00pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 - AGM Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020