

MINUTES

Whetstone Good Neighbour Scheme

7.00pm 8th March 2023

In Attendance

Louise Hathaway (Chair), Veronica Rye (minutes), Jenny Hilton, Helen Caple, Danuta Jeeves, Steve Webb

Apologies for absence – Richard Caple

Pecuniary interests

The meeting reminded us of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interests in the affairs of the scheme – None were declared.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, 18th January 2023, have been read and declared to be a true and accurate record and signed off by the Chair. These will now be uploaded to the website.

Matters arising

Blaby Lottery – letters to all current participants and inviting new participants are still outstanding. May be possible to circulate with local election leaflets.

Participation in Blaby Lottery to be highlighted on Facebook page (now has 192 followers)

Services Update

Details of job numbers shared. The decrease in numbers over the last 12 months shows that service users are being supported and signposted to access appropriate services and become less dependent on volunteers.

Article written for Duckpaddle News

Coronation tea being held at the Parish Centre – need to refer users.

DBS and Safeguarding

DBS clearance has been received for 2 new volunteers.

All DBS due for update are in the process of being renewed as required.

Financial update

Report from the Treasurer was received.

As previously noted, stationery costs have increased due to the use of pre-printed job sheets.

Item recorded as room hire should be Christmas event

Other financial point of note is the cost of the volunteer's meal

Any Other Business

Louise is promoting links between WGNS and Whetstone Baptist Church - new volunteers may come forwards but also many events are held at the church which may be of interest to service users. This includes monthly Church Teas and transport can be provided if needed.

Befriending group – a more efficient way of recording the activity of this important group needs to be drawn up. Moved to agenda for meeting in May.

Website update – all information needs to be passed to the website manager.

No other business being raised the meeting was closed at 7.52pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th May at 7.00pm.