

MINUTES

Whetstone Good Neighbour Scheme

6.00pm 13th March 2024

In Attendance

Louise Hathaway (Chair), Steve Webb, Jenny Hilton, Christine Carroll

Pecuniary Interests

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

Apologies for Absence

Danuta Jeeves, Helen Caple, Richard Caple, Veronica Rye

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, 3 January 2024, have been read and declared to be a true and accurate record. These will now be uploaded to the website.

Matters Arising

A grant from Whetstone Parish Council to be applied for after April 2024.

Services Update

Services are successful, and looking at increasing the level of befriending

Look at improving job sheets for possible category inclusion

DBS and Safeguarding

DBS checks are continued to be ongoing to ensure all DBS checks are current and up to date

Financial Update

Accounts for the period to date looks healthy and sustainable for the future.

Love Blaby Lottery Syndicate is being looked into for improvements.

Any Other Business

100th Birthday Party is to be held on the 12th May for a service user, discussed costs and arrangements for the day to be successful open to all current WGNS service users.

Duck Paddle news article was reviewed and agreed upon to go into the next issue.

Easter Eggs and invitations to be sent out together on the Thursday before Easter Sunday

Facebook improvements to be made and no Anonymous postings to be included on the WGNS page

Website needs to be updated and looking for a new volunteer to maintain.

Items for future discussion –

Ways to ensure that WGNS continues to run efficiently and successfully helping as many people as possible:

- Criteria for jobs
- Timings of requests
- Charging for transport
- Different types of support offered
- Review and re-issue welcome pack for service users and volunteers with clear expectations
- Increase public awareness of WGNS through postcards, QR code etc

Date to be set for brainstorming meeting to discuss above.

No other business being raised the meeting was closed at 7.15pm.

Date of Next Meeting

8th May 2024 6pm