

Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbour Scheme

Minutes of AGM (followed by Garden Party) at The Pavilion

July 14th 2022

Attended by all members of the Steering Group (Jill Hubbard - Chairperson, Pippa McLardy - Hon Sec, Joy Day – Membership Sec, Andrea Gray – Tech Sec, Jo Ogilvie – Acting Treasurer, David Jenkins, Michael Hall) and approx. 15 volunteers/members of the public

1. **Welcome** - Chairperson Jill Hubbard welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** – John and Elizabeth Tipping, Sydney Graham, Paul and Maria Chapman-Ber, Hazel Searle, Ballamys, Mike Trapp, Bodeks, Sue Allen, Hilary Lightfoot, Laschets
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2021 by Zoom** . Proposed; Michael, Seconded; Wendy Sturmey
4. **Chairperson's Report – Jill Hubbard.**

Jill wished to begin by making a belated gesture of thanks to Michael for his term in the chair during the pandemic and presented him with a bottle of sparkling Cremant. She also thanked Sydney Graham, in her absence (but would make a presentation if she attended the tea later), for her long stint as Secretary and Treasurer, a period of more than 10 years. (A gift voucher was later presented to Syd during tea). A round of applause was due (and received) for them both.

In some ways, Covid had been helpful to Good Neighbours, mainly because it had attracted a number of younger volunteers, several of whom, like Jo and Andrea, had stayed on and even joined the Steering Group. This was vital to the future of the group, and the fact that so many youngsters were hugely helpful was a boost to us all.

Although the number of phone calls received during the year was somewhat down, there had been significant positive achievements through the year. Firstly, the phone contract with Giffgaff meant volunteer phone holders no longer needed to use their own phone to call back callers or retrieve messages. Secondly, The Book (accompanying the phone) had been condensed, removing a lot of extraneous material and making it easier for phone holders to find what they need. Thirdly, she hoped that now people were beginning to think about those they help in a different way – not as 'clients', but as friends and neighbours who we may help today, but who will be helping us in return tomorrow. She urged volunteers to be proactive, to think about those who might need our help and offer it, not simply to wait to be called upon.

She concluded by thanking the committee and especially Pippa, and presented her with flowers and a bottle of wine. Pippa responded by saying there was nothing for Jill as she had promised that if anything was presented to her, she would throw it at Pippa!

5. **Treasurer's report by Sydney Graham**

Sydney apologised for not being able to attend the AGM. Pippa read her report:-

'A quiet year as far as being Treasurer is concerned. General donations were up £23.00 to 110.00 and we received £100 from the Parish Council for which we thank them for their continued support. Proceeds from raffles were slightly down at £206.00 but that said we did not have our usual Garden Party which usually brings in a fair amount on the raffle.

Phone expenses were up considerably, however. We are now on a contract and the amount shown on the year end statement is the sum for the year up to December 31st 2022 (£72). This change to a contract now allows

all our volunteers to use this phone to return calls rather than using their own, which was the case when the phone was pay as you go.

Insurance was up £16.20 and will probably go up again come next November. We finally had a Volunteers' Coffee Morning at The Parrot this year at a cost of £166.00, there is a miscellaneous payment of £5.00 for a meeting in the Almhouse Tower Room, we paid Vista Print for fridge magnets and DBS for two (£12.00 each) Certificates.

Funds available to us at this time are £1,100.13.

As this is my last year as Treasurer I would like to thank all my fellow members of the Steering Group throughout the years for the great support I have received from them not only as Treasurer but when I was Secretary as well. Also my thanks to Andrew for once again looking over the books. I know I leave in your good hands in that Jo Ogilvie is taking over from me'.

Pippa added that since Sydney handed over the Petty Cash to her on July 6th, she had made payments out to Jill in respect of Gifts to leaving officers (total £37.99) and £5 for invitations to the Garden Party, which left a total of £1,057.13p.

Acceptance of treasurer's report :- Proposed: Michael Hall Seconded: Susanne Hall

6. Election of Steering Group

Chairperson: Jo Ogilvie (Proposed by Jill, Seconded by Joy).

Vice Chair: David Jenkins (Proposed by Pippa seconded by Jo),

Treasurer: Joy Day (Proposed by Pippa, seconded by Jill).

Hon Sec: Pippa McLardy (Proposed by Jill, seconded by Michael)

Remaining members of the Steering Group, Jill Hubbard, Michael Hall and Andrea Grey, are prepared to remain and Wendy Sturmev has agreed to rejoin.

All were voted in unanimously, after which, the new Chairperson, Jo Ogilvie, took over chairing the meeting.

7. Any Other Business

A person attending who has some serious health issues and has received help from GN since, sadly, her husband died, wished to thank the Good Neighbours for the help they have given her recently.