

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## NORTH SHROPSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD & FARM WATCH ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES of the Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2017 at the Tern Hill Hall Hotel at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Dave Roberts, Andrew Carter, Steve Corbishley, Ted Scales, Jackie Carter – Minute Taker

### **Chairperson's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for turning out on a miserable night.

**Apologies:** John McGuinness, Debbie Scales and Val Povall

### **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, proposed by Ted Scales and seconded by Andrew Carter. All were in favour.

### **Matters Arising**

Jackie had contacted Ian Henderson and asked if he was still coordinating his scheme. He said he was no longer running the scheme and had tried to get someone to take his place to no avail. Jackie had approached Lesley Watson who has moved to the area to see if she would take over the scheme but she was unwilling at present.

Andy & Jackie had visited Pam Williams and recovered the box containing the Chairpersons information which she was holding.

Andy Carter stated that the Chairman's details have now been updated on the Charities Commission Website.

### **Website Update**

The Facebook link to the Website has now been sorted out.

Andy asked Steve if it was possible to set up a dedicated email & password for the Website so that it could be accessed by members of the Committee should the need ever arise. The free website requires a home email address to access. Steve will look into setting up a gmail address for example: nshropsnfw and try the name out on Google.

### **Local Publicity Update**

Jackie is finding it difficult to carry out the role of publicity officer along with the other commitments she has.

## **Treasurers Report**

Andy has had the Accounts audited by Alan Dennison and there were no issues. The subscriptions are down this year due to the fact some members pay up to 5 years in advance. The Public Liability Insurance is still covered by the National Neighbourhood Watch. No-one had any queries and the accounts were accepted unanimously, proposed by Steve Corbishley and seconded by Ted Scales.

## **Preparation for AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017**

Those present were asked if they were willing to continue in their role if no other nominations were received and they agreed. Peter Aspin has resigned from his role as both Farm Representative and Coordinator, so his post will need to be filled. We will also need a Publicity Officer and Scheme Advisers. The Chairman said that we could do with getting some younger members involved in the running of the Committee. Jackie will get the AGM advertised on Radio Shropshire nearer the time and she will pass information on to Steve and John for advertising on Website and Facebook.

We have received an email from Shropshire Wildlife who is unable to get someone from Conservation to attend and speak at the meeting. Jackie has been asked to contact Diane and see if they can get someone to come and just talk about the Wildlife Trust as a change from the Police.

## **Proposed Change to Constitution**

An email has been sent to all Coordinators requesting they poll their scheme members with regards changing the Constitution Quorum from 15 to 10 members to be quorate. The email stated that if no objections are received by the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 then it will be assumed that they are in favour of the change.

At present the Constitution para 8.1.1 states: 'The quorum at a meeting of the Association shall be fifteen members.'

It is proposed to amend this paragraph to: 'The quorum at a meeting of the Association shall be ten members.'

The Coordinators have also been asked to attend the AGM so that they can vote on the proposed change as a representative of their members.

## **Any Other Business**

Andy asked if a self inking stamp could be procured in order to stamp up leaflets with the Associations details and contact information in order to advertise from handouts. This was discussed and Ted Scales suggested labels may be a better option in case of any change of details. This was agreed and Andy will look into costing.

The Association has been approached by Eric Davies, Market Drayton Seniors Enterprise, to have a stall at their 'Festival of Health & Wellbeing' to be held in the Auditorium of Festival Drayton Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 11am – 3pm. There will be an hour prior to and after the event for setting up/breaking down stalls. It was agreed that we have a stall. Andy & Jackie Carter and the Chairman, Dave Roberts will attend.

The following coordinators have resigned due to health issues/moving/other pressures, etc: Margaret Gibbons, Peter Turner, Ann Watson, Peter Aspin, Alison Chadwick and Chris Jeffries.

New Coordinators: Paul Johnson (Eckford Park), Graham Turnbull replaces Alison Chadwick and Catrina Cornwall (Adderley) and Jean Pennie (Norton-in-Hales) replace Chris Jeffries.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.