

SCACKLETON ACTION GROUP MEETING

7.30pm on Wednesday 24th April 2019 held in Scackleton Church

Present:

Nicole Robson (Chairman in Wendy's absence)
John & Lyn White
John & Virginia Provins
John & Anne Wilkins
Roland Firby
Belinda Ramsay
Sue John
Alison ? (6 St. Georges Court)
Ellen Scrimgeour
Helen Bean
Rob & Sally Matthews
David Martin & Stefan
Sophie Blacklin

Apologies for Absence:

Wendy Swann
Jim Louttit
Adam Blacklin
Paul Convy

Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved by John White, seconded by Rob.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matter arising.

Treasurers Report

Lyn gave a verbal report. The balance of the account currently stands at £2,271.72 credit. This quarter the Group donated £1,000 to the church towards the cost of the tree surgery and paid out £170 for the cost of additional defib. training.

Neighbourhood Watch

The village now has 2 new signs but it was suggested we have 2 more to put at the entrance to Grange Lane and the Lane that leads to Low Moor Farm. Lyn to submit the forms to obtain these.

Pinfold Sign

Nicole reported that Jim had approached Croft Castings who made the 'Scackleton' village signs but it transpires they cannot give a good enough quality of the imagery required for the Pinfold sign, designed by Jim. Looking at other companies who could do the job.

Caravan

Nicole updated the Group with the news that the owners have had their Appeal dismissed on 4th February 2019 reverting back to the Enforcement Notice which requires the caravan to be removed within 6 months from the date of the Notice.

Dog Fouling - Grange Lane

There has been a significant increase in dog owners not picking up after their dogs when out walking, particularly along Grange Lane. Nicole drafted a 'polite notice' which the Group approved and Sue John offered to print, for distribution to every household in the village.

Parish Council

Following Wendy's retirement from the role of Parish Councillor, Nicole announced that she would be taking up the position from the beginning of May and representing our village. One of her first tasks will be to raise awareness of the continuing problem with motorists speeding through the village.

A big thank you to Wendy for her 24 years of service to the village as Parish Councillor.

Spring Cleaning the Villag - Church & Signs

Saturday 27th April @ 10am. A team of people required to give the church its annual spring clean. There was a discussion about the need for the village signs to be cleaned. John & Virginia volunteered to attend to those at the Coulton end of the village and Rob & Sal said they would clean the one at the junction near the Wood Yard. Sue advised the group that Cherry Coward had watered the newly planted Cherry tree near the Scackleton village sign but that in a dry spell it will require further looking after.

Hovingham & Scackleton Newsletter

Clive unfortunately has had to stand down from the role of Information Co-ordinator, but Nicole offered to step into his shoes (with Clive's input). Anyone wanting to put forward any items of interest whether that be a story (fact/fiction), a photograph, a poem, memories of yesteryear ...whatever you think people might enjoy reading about, then details to Nicole nicolelouttit@btinternet.com

Any Other Business

Dogs on Leads: It has come to light that livestock grazing in fields down Grange Lane have been worried by dogs again. Following the two episodes of sheep worrying last year, dog owners are respectfully asked to keep their dogs on leads at all times. A reminder about 'dogs on leads' will be attached to the Dog Fouling leaflet and distributed to all households.

Café Market: Sue reminded the Group about the Café Market on 4th May 2019 and that a team of helpers will be needed on the day, along with baking etc.

Litter Picking: Saturday 18th May - meet at the church at 10am, armed with a bin bag and gloves to have a blitz on the village to remove litter from our hedgerows and grass verges.

Other Uses for the Church: The question was asked "can the church be used for other community activities that are non religious events"? The Luke Jackson concert is an example that this *is* possible, although consideration must be given to car parking and toilet facilities for any future events. The church requires approximately £2,400 per annum to keep its doors open and Sue expressed the need for lots more fundraising in order to achieve this. Nicole & Rob agreed to form a sub-committee to drive community fundraising events for the church, village and local charities and Sal, John White & Belinda agreed to be part of that committee. This new committee *will*, however, be looking for help from residents of the village if fundraising events are to be a success.....they cannot do it alone! Volunteers do not necessarily have the time but they do have the heart and in simple mathematical terms it equates to this:

small actions **x** lots of people = big change

Without the effort, we'll be **without** the money, which means the village will be **without** it's only community building. Any ideas for fundraising or other uses for the church should be directed to Nicole nicolelouttit@btinternet.com or Rob robmatthews1960@yahoo.co.uk

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 24th July 2019 @ 7.30pm in the village church.

Closure:

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. David gave a vote of thanks to Nicole for doing a sterling job chairing the meeting.