

**Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves Good Neighbour Scheme
5th Annual General Meeting
held at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall
on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30 pm**

1	<p>Welcome and apologies Tricia Shakespeare welcomed 16 people to the AGM. Apologies were received from Cherrie Whatmuff, Margaret Gibb, Sue Young, Lynn Hopkins, Carol Newbold and Sian and Richard Mollart.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the 3rd AGM held on 3rd October 2019 Jo Atkinson asked the meeting for its agreement to sign off the minutes of the last AGM which had been read and checked by the steering group. The minutes were duly approved by those present and signed by Tricia Shakespeare and Miranda Brookes.</p>
3	<p>Summary of the Year (attached) Tricia read out the Summary of the Year and gave an explanation of the statistics and graphs for the year which are both also to be published on the GNS website. This included information about the previous 2 years and GNS' activity over the COVID pandemic. It's been a busy 2 years with several awards won to mark our successes and many people supported in our community. Steering group roles have also changed with Tricia Shakespeare taking over the role as Chairperson following the sad death of our previous Chairperson Rod Hudson, who is much missed. Please see attached Summary of the Year for further details.</p>
4	<p>Finance Report (attached) Judith Harrison guided everyone through her report and expressed her thanks to Barry Thompson, independent examiner, for signing off the yearly accounts. Main headlines are thanks to the Horticultural and Craft Show and the Mayday Challenge for their kind donations which totalled £750, we were also successful in being awarded a Shire Grant from Leicestershire County Council of £1,200. This means that the GNS is now in a sound financial position going forward. It was proposed by Mervyn Greenhalgh and seconded by Miranda Brookes that the accounts be adopted.</p>
5	<p>Community Wheelchair Service Miranda gave everyone an overview of the Community Wheelchair Service which has been a well-used scheme and benefitted lots of people with either short-term day or weekend loans, or longer term loans. So far there have been 21 loans, of varying duration. Thanks to Mervyn and Lynn for their help with wheelchair storage and to Bromakin Wheelchairs for service, minor repairs, donations and advice.</p>
6	<p>Election of Officers Cherrie Whatmuff will be stepping down as Befriending Co-ordinator. Tricia thanked her for her dedicated support to the GNS and all agreed how valuable her efforts and expertise had been. We will need to replace Cherrie's role working with Claire and Carol, supporting our 13 volunteer befrienders. If anyone is interested, please speak to Tricia or Claire for more information. In addition, Emma Lambourne will be joining the GNS in a role as Events Organiser but won't be attending regular Steering Group meetings. Tricia suggested that, as all the other current members of the steering group are willing to continue, the re-election would be en bloc – Tricia Shakespeare, Judith Harrison, Claire Ayres, Susan Young, Jo Atkinson, Helen Horne and Miranda Brookes. The re-election was proposed by Diana Barker and seconded by Lynn Greenhalgh. Tricia added that if anyone was interested in joining the steering group, they would be very welcome.</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>Forthcoming Events</p> <p>Jo Atkinson thanked people for their support and help at the Community Picnic in September and said there are plans to make this an annual event.</p> <p>The GNS would also like to organise another event for service users such as a Christmas tea party or Oliver Stanley singing at another occasion.</p> <p>There are plans for another Moving and Handling training session for volunteers in the next year, dates to be confirmed.</p> <p>All were asked to let a Steering Group member know if they have any ideas for events or future volunteer training.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Question and Answer Session</p> <p>Questions and Answers were led by Helen Horne, starting with a question that had been sent in in advance regarding the automatic renewals of DBS checks. Helen clarified that volunteers should have all signed up to the automatic renewal of their DBS check and will therefore get an email annually saying that the check will be automatically renewed. If you are still an active volunteer, there is no need to do anything about this; it will all happen automatically.</p> <p>Mervyn Greenhalgh had an event suggestion; in November the Parish Council will be having an 'open day' to launch the designs of the new Community and Scout Hall in place of the old annex building. It was suggested, and agreed by all to be a good idea, that the GNS have a stall at this event to advertise the scheme. Details to be arranged once date for the event is confirmed.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Closing statement</p> <p>Tricia thanked the steering group and the volunteers for all their work over the last 2 years and Miranda led the thanks to Tricia for her leadership role.</p>