

**Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves Good Neighbour Scheme  
Annual General Meeting  
held at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall  
on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 at 2pm**

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Tricia Shakespeare welcomed 18 people to the 7<sup>th</sup> Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) AGM. Apologies in advance were received from Judith Harrison.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the 6th AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b></p> <p>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; proposed by Miranda Brookes and seconded by Ted Chapman.</p>
	<p><b>Summary of Year 6 (attached)</b></p> <p>Tricia read out the Summary of the Year, it's been a positive year for the GNS with a large number of 'jobs' completed, training for volunteers, many wheelchair loans and another Community Picnic. In brief:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Over 460 jobs completed this year, making over 3,000 since the scheme started; the majority being driving to medical appointments and befriending. Thank you to all who have worked hard to make this happen.</li> <li>2. We currently have 46 volunteers, of which 25 are drivers.</li> <li>3. We now have 5 wheelchairs and this year there have been 39 loans.</li> <li>4. Moving and Handling training was organised this year and all volunteers were invited.</li> <li>5. New initiatives include a monthly meet-up for volunteers, which has been very successful and will continue, and the GNS involvement in the Parish Council's Tuesday afternoon café.</li> <li>6. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Picnic was held in September. This was a great event to get people together with around 150 attending and raised £214 towards the GNS running costs for the forthcoming year.</li> <li>7. Tricia Shakespeare will be stepping down as Chair this year, and Cherrie Whatmuff will be stepping down from the Steering Group, responsible for Befriending. Thank you to both Tricia and Cherrie for all their service to the GNS over the years.</li> </ol>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Finance Report (attached)</b></p> <p>Helen Horne read through the finance report in Judith's absence. The yearly accounts have been signed off by Barry Thompson, and all at the meeting were happy to approve the report.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Election of Officers</b></p> <p>Miranda Brookes lead us through the Election of Officers for key roles in the Steering Group. These were as follows:</p> <p>Chair: Judith Harrison. Sue proposed and Lynne seconded the appointment. Secretary: Jo Atkinson. Corrinne Berkley proposed and Ted Chapman seconded. Finance: Judith Harrison. Sue proposed and Mervyn Greenhalgh seconded. Safeguarding: Helen Horne. Sue proposed and Joan seconded.</p> <p>Tricia added that we currently have some vacancies on the Steering Group and if anyone was interested in joining, they would be very welcome and to speak to her for more information.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Question and Answer Session</b></p> <p>Someone in advance had sent in a question; asking whether you had to be a member of the GNS or WI to attend or volunteer at the Community Café on Tuesdays.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is open to all to come along. If you would like to volunteer, then you would also be welcome, just let us know!</li> </ul> <p>How many mobile phones do we have and what are the costs of these? How are we sure that we're getting good value?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GNS has 2 mobile phones that are used for the main telephone coordinators and for the befriending co-ordinators. Every year Judith compares prices of providers to make sure that we are getting a good deal. We are currently with EE as this is good value provides the best mobile signal in the village. Suggestion was made to look into the price of the provider Lebara.</li> </ul> <p>Mervyn Greenhalgh asked if he could share the stats with the Parish Council meeting this evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, you would be welcome to as these are public documents.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Closing statement</b></p> <p>Tricia thanked all for attending, those who had provided cakes, and the steering group and the volunteers for all their work over the last year.</p>