

SWINGFIELD STREET COMMUNITY GROUP

Minutes of meeting held at Rachael and Trevor's

Saturday 30th July 2022

1. *Apologies* – received from Fee, Jon, Heather, Allan, Barbara, Steve
2. *Village planters* – Steve (in a written report) reported the Parish Council had approved a payment of £550 towards the total £835 estimated cost, the remainder to be covered by the group. It was decided to **defer the decision** on this to a later meeting, to give Marianne time to check the finances, a decision not being urgent, especially given the on-going work on the restoration of the lychgate.
3. *This Is My Theatre* – Steve reported 45 tickets had been sold so far (including 4 online) for the performance of Pride and Prejudice at Broomwood on 17th August. Nigel informed everyone that he was dealing with the risk assessment, and that doors would be open from 4pm for anyone wanting to bring a picnic before the performance.
4. *Defibrillator* – Steve reported that the defibrillator had been taken away for a software update, but a question had arisen over the remaining lifetime of the battery. Steve asked **Marianne to check** when we had last paid for a battery, and whether we really are due to pay out £200 for a new one.
5. *Foodbank* – Steve noted that donations to the foodbank box in the church had gone down considerably – is it worth Lorna's while to continue to collect from the village when every supermarket has a donation point? After some discussion, the group **decided to continue** with the village foodbank donation point and **review at the next meeting**.
6. *Village BBQ* – scheduled for 14th August. Darren from Old Forge had offered to obtain discounted meat for the BBQ from work. Rachael asked whether the group would consider donating £150 to the cost of the event. Marianne said she would need to check our finances, which we would be drawing on for the village planter, and possibly a new battery for the defibrillator. **A decision on this was deferred**.
7. *Any Other Business* –
 - a. Village website – Julie and Leo floated the idea of creating a village website on which we can more easily publicise our events and archive past events and information. Leo estimated a cost of £80-£100 pa for domain hosting. **Leo to circulate more information about the options for discussion at next meeting**.
 - b. A warning was passed on about a white van going around the area and aggressively promoting its services.
 - c. Agreed to run a raffle at Pride & Prejudice – just one big prize, villagers asked to donate bottles to a 'wheelbarrow of beverages'!
8. Meeting ended with Tony H explaining the rules for the 'Christmas bucket of potatoes' competition and everyone selecting their bucket and their potato. Thanks to Rachael and Trevor for hosting the meeting and coffee morning.