

Croft Good Neighbours – Minutes of meeting Thursday 16 November 2017 6pm

Venue: Jeans House - Changed at short notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

Item	Detail	Action
Attendance:	Kath Muir, Deb Summers, Jean Thomas, Janet Thompson, Di Wing	
Apologies:	Marjie Smith Geoff Bodycote Chris Greenhill	
Thanks	Many thanks to Jean who provided an alternative meeting place at her house.	
Accounts	Janet presented the accounts to date. Balance is £383.03 There are fewer outgoings now that the phone is PAYG. We noted the healthy balance. Thanks to Janet for her work on this.	
Promoting CGN	Last meeting Ray suggested contacting local businesses and it was considered that maybe we can do this next year when, hopefully, we have more volunteers. Our balance is healthy at present and it was felt the focus is on promotion rather than raising funds.	
Facebook	Facebook Page –again it was thought that we may think about this for next year when we have more photo opportunities like the Croft Fun Day and the next Litter Pick.	
Webpage	Our Webpage is paid for until October 2018.	
Phone	Phone PAYG is working well and very little credit has been used. If a top up is needed volunteers can be reimbursed by Janet. Gill's name is now off the phone rota as her O2 connectivity is so poor she feels she cannot be involved in this.	
Insurance	As mentioned in last month's minutes, it was felt a good idea to have the Insurance contact number in the folder so it is quickly available if needed.	Janet Deb
Church Fete	Janet kindly donated £20 for the table(s) hire for the Fete on Saturday 24 November. Events include a Tombola, homemade Jams and Chutneys (from Di) Hand painted cards (from Kath) Unfortunately, only Di and Deb will be at the event on Saturday so it will depend on what they can manage as to how much they do.	Di Deb
Christmas Cracker	The next event is run by Croft Players. It will be on 9 December at the school, similar to 24 November but we hope to make this more of a promotions event where we can distribute the new Flyer and spread the word about CGN.	
Newsletter	Jean has written a piece for the Church newsletter offering lifts to those going to the Christingle Service in the afternoon of 24 December.	
Promotion	Deb wrote a piece for the Parish Council website promoting what CGN is all about, this included some quotes from volunteers and users.	
Blaby D C	BDC lottery was discussed but it was felt that it needs a lot of organising and there are mixed feelings about it. The Thank You event at the council offices, on Tuesday 5 December 4-6pm will be attended by Kath, Di, Deb and hopefully a few of our service users. There will be an opportunity to meet other Good Neighbour groups.	
Phone use	Only one call has come in over the last three weeks	
Banner	The CGN banner has been up in the local hairdressers for the last two weeks. Lisa (the owner) says it has been a good topic of conversation and she is happy to have it in the salon for now. It will be used at the school event 24 Nov and Christmas Cracker event on 9 Dec but Kath will take it back to the salon after this and liaise with Lisa.	Kath
AOB	Janet and Deb received an email from Lucy Smith, RCC, re learning more about how to apply for grants. Lucy is keen to support CGN if we should wish to go ahead. It may be this is something we will do later in the year when funding is more of a need, for now, promoting CGN is our focus. However, Janet will find out more as it may be that	Janet

AOB-cont'd	funding for the promoting of CGN (possibly paying for CGN Fridge Magnets, including the phone number) could be funded in this way.	
New Flyer	Jean, Kath, Deb and Janet have met over the last few weeks to design a new Flyer in the form of a Post card. Some minor changes were discussed and 'Postcard' will be available to hand out to users and potential NEW volunteers at the events coming up in the run up to Christmas. Deb is organising the printing courtesy of Cobley Transport.	Deb Kath
Safeguarding	The next safeguarding event is on Wednesday 17 January 2018, 6 - 7.30pm. Janet, Jean and Deb have expressed an interest in attending. We are waiting for BDC to confirm places.	
Wednesday Club	Geoff has asked, and it has been agreed, that we can have a 5 minute CGN presentation at the Wednesday Clubs AGM on Wed 25 th April 2018 - The meeting starts at 7.45pm. They also said only about half of the Wednesday Club members live in Croft, and they are happy for us to provide leaflets for their member's to take – Jean said she would like to do this - we could prepare for this in the New Year, it is a group that may find CGN useful.	
Information update	The Volunteer Phone Coordinator Folder needs to be updated as much is now out of date. This will be done in the near future once everyone has sent in their updated information to Deb.	Deb Kath
Next Meeting	Friday 8 December 6pm Venue – Jeans house - This will be a brief meeting of the committee to plan for those helping at the Christmas Cracker event on Saturday 9 December at the school. Further meeting date to be arranged.	