

WHETSTONE GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME
Minutes of the First Meeting – 20 June 2016, 7.00pm
Blaby & Whetstone Boys' Club

Present:

Jo Ling (Delivery Officer, RCC)	Jo Lowe (RCC, Leics & Rutland)
Jill Stevenson, Blaby District Council	Neale Bassford
Joyce Broughton	Chris Carroll
Sarah Catherall	Barry Fisher
Gail Frith	Monica-Jean Hoare
Rachel Hall	Robert Lincoln
Linda McGuire	Jeannine Nield
Viv Wormleighton	

Apologies:

Sara Fritz	Emma Lawrence
Maria Sharpe	

1. Welcome

Jo Ling (JLi) gave an overview of what the Good Neighbours Scheme is and how it is managed. She advised that there are approximately 15 such schemes throughout Leicestershire and Rutland.

2. Update and results of residential survey

Help requested: Transport was the most requested. Other help requested included Caring for Pets; Befriending; Minor Household Repairs; Collections (shopping and prescriptions); IT/Internet support; Gardening.

Help offered: Befriending; Transport; Caring for Pets; Minor Household Repairs

3. Current position

Blaby District Council has offered 50% funding and the RCC can match fund because they are administering a grant from Leicestershire County Council%.

JLi advised the meeting of the following:

- a) The group need to be constituted.
- b) A bank account needs to be opened.
- c) A mobile phone contract needs to be obtained – SIM only.
- d) Public Liability and Personal Accident cover need arranging.
- e) Enhanced DBS checks (Disclosure and Barring Service)

4. Forming the Steering Group

The following was agreed:

Barry Fisher	Chair
Gail Frith	Secretary
Monica-Jean Hoare	Treasurer
Sarah Catherall	Website design
Neale Bassford	Website design assistant + Volunteer matrix
Rachel Hall	Safeguarding representative + Volunteer matrix

5. Next steps

JLi then discussed with the group about the following points -

Pursuing church links – she advised that although she had been in contact with the churches, she had not received any feedback. A member of the group stated that she would follow this up.

JLi also mentioned about getting links with GP surgeries and warden-assisted accommodation

Community groups we can connect with, e.g. CommBus, coffee clubs, singles clubs.

Safeguarding lead and their role. The RCC will be holding a 'safeguarding overview' training event at their Leicester offices in the very near future. JLi to confirm the date.

Advertising – Duckpaddle, The Courier (although the group were unsure whether this was still being produced owing to the lack of an editor).

Logo design – **Jeannine**

Publicising – need to consider what the scope of the scheme will be.

6. Next steps

- a) Monthly meetings - venues
- b) Matrix with volunteer availability (**Neale and Rachel**)
- c) Scope of scheme
- d) DBS checks
- e) Open bank account (**Jean**) – Barry, Jean and Gail as signatories

7. AOB

None.

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

Next meeting: Date and time to be confirmed

Venue: Blaby District Council offices, Narborough