**Minutes for Meeting of 16th July, 2019.**

**Present :** John Freer, Sue Freer, Claire Kennard, Adi French, Keith Wood, June Wood, Eric  Middleton, Liz Maynard, John Mulcahey, Karen Thomas.**Apologies :** Steve Astin, Eleanor Dodson, Julie Couttie, Gill Oakes.

**Matters arising from the minutes -** Most discussion was around the issue of the Scarecrow trail. Most issues relating to publicity. Prizes still not sorted , local businesses still not involved. The banners needed to go up at the end of July.  The Woods would deal with a press release. Sue suggested a scarecrow sand tray game to be set up. It was agreed that there would be extended kiosk hours on the Sunday and Monday.

**VE Celebrations 2020**. Contact to be made with the National Association of VE Celebrations. John M. contacted veterans who will be special guests.Contact to be made with  the Hospice shop for suitable period apparel. Eric has made contact with some musicians including Paul Kind who is keen to be involved. The issue of a licence was raised.

**AGM** date was fixed for March 11th 2020. It was suggested this could be held in Glen Lodge and John M to investigate.

**Gardening**

Good turn-out, usually 10-12 volunteers. One or two do it on their own on a Wednesday.Mulch has been very slow to arrive and this was to be raised for the Council.

**Mosaic Garden**

Still looking good. Petanque used on a regular basis by one group and others on a random basis. The ‘missing’ slabs for the poetry bench are finally in place.

**Kiosk**

Well supported. Still short of volunteers. It was hoped to target the newly retired of Osbaldwick and Derwenthorpe.

**Locking**

John’s stint finished on 29th. Keith to take over. Eric still not receiving doodlepoll. Technical discussion ensued. Karen to investigate.

**IT website** - 75 people looked at website. No one added to members list.

**Council Meeting**

There had been a special meeting on vandalism. This is not a large problem, but there is a shortage of police. 3 or 4 covering a huge area. It is therefore important to keep requesting help if needed, so the shortfall can be noted.

**Any other business**

Claire suggested having a volunteers party. This was warmly received and will be progressed.

Glen Allotments are having an Open Day on 17th August and Claire suggested some liaison with FOGG and Glen Gardens.

There is also a Heritage Open Day (?) between September 13 and 22nd September.

Claire to investigate.

**Next Meeting 13th August.**