

DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY JUNE 4TH 2013

Attended by: Tony Stell, Janet Reid, Sue Lund, Keith Begley, Geoff Bayley, John Martindale, Barbara Hopkinson, Mike Buckley, Graham Griffiths, Gill Clark, Phillida Shipp and John Mustoe.

Apologies from: Mike Clegg, Joan Lally

Minutes of the meeting held on March 11th 2013 were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed by Keith Begley, seconded by John Martindale.

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

Former Independent Chapel and Graveyard: Keith reported that there was still work to do on cutting back the undergrowth, but that this would have to wait now until the autumn.

Village Signs

Geoff reported on the work he had done regarding the siting, design, materials and cost of signs. He suggested the garden of 25 Stoneswood Rd where it borders Millgate and the area of grass on the Denshaw side of Lodge Lane. Keith suggested the bushes between Eagle Court and the White Lion car park and Tony suggested using the back of the School Zone sign and a lamp post on Millgate.

Geoff had produced a proposed design and so had Keith. A discussion about the wording, the size and the materials of the proposed signs followed. However it was realised that those present in the room were not necessarily a representative sample of village opinion. Graham suggested that we should run a competition for the best design. It was agreed that we should try this, and in the mean time Geoff will approach OMBC Planning Department and find out what permission we should apply for. He was thanked for his presentation.

Treasurer's Report

May 2013

Nat West Current Account	409.06
Cash	37.42
Reserve Account	10,081.10

Phillida said that most of this money had been given to DCA by Oldham Libraries to cover the running costs of Delph Library. However the money raised by the Delph Donkey Trail and the Theatre Charity evening could be used for items such as the Village Signs.

Delph Bridge Signage and other traffic matters

Geoff reported that the last Traffic and Transport Sub committee had passed the plans to put markings on the road in High St to guide cars to the middle of the road so that they had a good view of King St. This should help cars in High St to give way when traffic was approaching the bridge from King St. Gordon Anderson, from Unity Partnership, had said that he would find out if 2 Traffic Priority signs on either side of the bridge were necessary, or if it would be possible just to have one on the High St side. Geoff also said that there were plans to resurface Delph New Rd. He intended to ask if they would put double white lines in the centre of the road at the bends, this might help to deter drivers crossing the middle of the road on the bends.

Mike drew attention to the Vehicle Activated Sign near the school which worked in the evenings but not during school hours. John will contact OMBC and ask for action to correct it.

Chapel Gardens Maintenance and bins

Sue reported that 7 people had attended the first Gardening Day and 2 the second. The weather was not good on either day but pruning and general tidying up was done to good effect. Pat Howard has cut the grass a number of times and Keith agreed to do this when Pat was unable to do so. It was agreed to hold another Gardening Day in the autumn.

Pat said that dog mess was a problem in the gardens. A discussion followed as to the best way of tackling this. Mike said that a video camera warning notice had been effective elsewhere. He would ask The Saddleworth Trust to arrange this.

Keith said that he had 2 keys which would unlock the bins and allow the rubbish bags to be removed. Phillida said that she did not think the volunteers on the litter picking rota should be asked to do this. Janet agreed that this was an unreasonable addition to the litter pickers' duties, which now covered Chapel Gardens, the Methodist Car Park and the new Play Area. Tony said that as the volunteers were keeping the play area clean for the Council, they should be asked to empty the 2 bins in Chapel Gardens in exchange. Mike suggested that we should write to the relevant officer at OMBC.

Fund Raising

Sue said that all the Scarecrow Trail brochures had been distributed and that sponsors advertisements had covered the printing costs. She was congratulated.

She asked if some of the money raised could be used to produce and deliver a flyer telling everyone what we doing and what we hoped to do in future.

A discussion followed on the best method of publicity to use. Keith said that he would write an article for Saddleworth Monthly and Saddleworth Independent if he was provided with material before the next deadline. His offer was accepted.

Phillida said that the next fund raising event would be the Theatre Charity Night on Sunday November 17th. The play was 'Improbable Fiction' She asked everyone to put the date in their diaries and be sure to attend that night.

Library

Phillida reported that new opening hours had started this week, and that the library was now open from 2.00 – 7.00pm on Thursdays.

Footpaths

Cllr Garth Harkness had sent details of the proposed diversion of Footpath 13. This request was from Three 60 Properties, the developers of the Lumb Mill site, to facilitate the development. Keith said that he had already asked Garth to request improvement of the footpath between Hindle Terrace and the Lumb Mill site in exchange for permission to reroute the footpath. Mike said that the Historical Society opposed rerouting of footpaths in principal.

There had been no progress on the Delph Donkey path by Bailley Mill. Keith and Barbara would have further discussions about the path near Millwood. Keith also said that the path by the old gateway neat Pingle Glade needed attention. He said he would approach the Countryside department about this.

Any other business

Graham asked if the Youth Bus was still visiting Delph, as he had not seen it for some time. He suggested that we should invite someone from the Youth service to come to our next meeting.

The next meeting will be the AGM. It will be on Tuesday July 30th at 7.45pm, in the Millgate Theatre Bar Lounge, unless otherwise informed.