

Minutes of Delph Community Association Meeting held on April 15th 2014

Present: Clare Whitehead, Mary Macdonald, Bob Rodgers, Tony Stell, Geoff Bayley, Keith Begley, David Shipp, Phillida Shipp, Pat Howard, Cllr Alan Roughly, Gill Clark, Sue Lund, Charles Beaumann and Meg Langdon.

Apologies: Maurice and Janet Reid, Peter Whiffin, Jo Green, Mike Clegg and Mike Buckley.

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Charles and Meg from the Saddleworth Civic Trust (STC).

Minutes of the meeting held on January 14th 2014

These were accepted as a true record apart from mentioning Elizabeth Harding instead of Hardie twice

Matters Arising

Replacement of the Parish Council notice board. No further information available at the meeting.

Britain in Bloom

1. Charles explained that the STC would like to contribute to Delph's efforts this year. They had walked around the village with Ian Meynell and decided to concentrate on the grassed strip of land at the side of Oldham Rd, just before the cross roads. Meg explained that she had been very impressed by the wild flowers in the Olympic Park last year, so they plan to sow wild flower seed on the grass verge. They have already found a suitable source of seeds and gave the meeting details in case we also wished to buy some. Charles and Meg then left the meeting after being thanked for their help.
2. Sue Lund reported on the walk around Delph with Graeme Gibson. For maximum impact on entering Delph it was proposed to move the existing planters in the village to Delph crossroads near the seat. New planters would be placed in the village. The Council would, among other things, renew some of the hooks for hanging baskets, tidy up the railings in front of the Millgate car park, move unused posts and water our planters when they water theirs. It is proposed to hold another meeting to discuss planting in detail when we know how much residents are willing to become involved. A letter has been distributed to all those living in the middle of the village explaining what is happening and inviting their participation.

Treasurers Report

Nat West Current Account	£312.42p
Reserve Account	£8937.07p
Total	£9249.07p

Environment

Geoff Bayley reported that he had sent a detailed map of Delph showing the proposed sites for the Delph Conservation Area signs to Lisa Macdonald. She will contact the relevant departments at OMBC. He also said that Resident's groups had been asked to comment on the value of Community Toilets. They had also been asked to draw up a list of public seats in their village. Keith Begley has already done this.

Methodist's Car Park

Sue Lund reported that a public meeting will be held on Monday April 28th in the Methodist Hall. There will be two sessions 2.30 -3.30pm and 7.00 – 8.00pm. The meeting will discuss how to raise further funds for repairing the car park so that it is of a suitable standard for public use. All Delph residents are invited.

Scarecrows

Sue said that 22 scarecrows would be displayed around the village. The brochures will be ready for sale on May 19th and will cost £1.50 each.

Transport

Geoff said that the proposed yellow lines on Huddersfield Rd opposite the entrance to the Saddleworth Business Centre had been delayed because there had been objections. A TRO report was being produced.

Promoting Delph

Keith proposed that a new notice board should be erected by the railings opposite the library. This would provide information about Delph and the buildings in the village. He has prepared a draft of what might be suitable, and has asked everyone to comment.

Footpaths

The footpath from Hindle Terrace to Saddleworth Business Centre is permanently muddy. Cllr Harkness is pursuing the matter with OMBC.

The next meeting will be on July 22nd 2014. This will be the AGM.

The next executive meeting will be on May 19th at 10.30 am in Delph library.