

DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at 7.45pm in the Millgate Theatre Lounge

Attended by: Phillida Shipp, Gillian Clark Tony Stell, Sue Lund, David Shipp, Joan Lally, Jo Green.

Apologies from: Mike Clegg, John Martindale, Pat Howard, Keith Begley.
Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th July 2013.

Amendment from Tony Stell. Delete sentence : *'Tony thought that the alleged signs that were required would be too large'*.

With this amendment the Minutes were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Plans for Library

Phillida presented an architect's drawing of the plans for the proposed alterations to the Library. These plans have already been shown to the Management Committee of the Millgate Arts Centre and they have approved the plans. Tony Stell raised the following three suggestions. The proposed windows on the Millgate side should possibly be the same design as the existing windows to keep in character with the building. The window by the entrance door may need more protection in view of the fact that people congregate there. The drawing does not show the protective bars on the large window facing Stoneswood Road. _

Theatre Charity Night

'Improbable Fiction by Alan Ayckbourn'. DCA have 80 tickets to sell for the Charity Night on Sunday 17th November. Sue Lund will be co-ordinating the supper arrangements. The price of each ticket is £11 (£8 for the theatre ticket and £3 for a supper ticket). John Martindale is designing a poster and it is hoped that John will also arrange a raffle. Phillida stressed that this is one of our major fund raising events and we should all try to get people to come and buy tickets. Tickets will be on sale in the Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike Clegg forwarded the following figures:

Nat West Current Account	86.82
Reserve Account	9,634.62
Total	9,721.44

Phillida pointed out that, although the reserve account appears to be substantial, we will need money for the new library windows. The grant of £5,000 we received from OMBC is for the upkeep of the library.

ENVIRONMENT

Traffic Report from John Martindale:

Phillida read out the following report submitted by John, who was unable to be present at the meeting.

ZEBRA CROSSING ON A62

The crossing will be repainted very soon after line-painting contractor has been appointed.

CENTRE LINE ON A62 As above

DUMPED PALLET and debris outside Mellalieu's Dot Gledhill says she will ensure it is cleaned up.

BAILEY MILL

Since closing down, the mill has been broken into, vandalised, machinery stolen and lead stolen from the roof. It is hoped that it will soon be put up for sale for redevelopment.

BRIDGE on PINGLE LANE

Ownership is unknown at present. OMBC say it is not theirs despite locals saying it does. Gledhills do not know either. I have also been told that the land on one side belongs to the Methodists and there used to be a tennis court belonging to them. As it is a part of our heritage, is there a partnership who could take some responsibility for it?

RAILING between the farm and No5 Denshaw road.

Garth Harkness is chasing 1st Choice to repaint it, but there doesn't seem to be much likelihood of any success due to lack of funds.

RED PHONE BOX outside Post Office

Tony Marlor is speaking to BT about it. Cannot get a reply from him.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINES opposite The Old Bell

These are scheduled to be painted in the near future. They will be along the A62 from Delph New Road to past Midgrove Lane but with some parking along that stretch. They will also be painted for a short run along both sides Midgrove Lane and the short road off it leading to the estate.

A discussion ensued about who owns the bridge on Pingle Lane. Tony said he would try and find out. David Shipp thought the DCA could try and establish a Public Right of Way over the bridge and this should be pursued with Oldham Council. In addition, repairs to the footpath in Pingle Glade should be finished and also the footpath behind the White Lion needs more hardcore laying.

Telephone box in village - still needs pursuing - operational phone boxes are responsibility of BT.

Double yellow lines on Huddersfield Road, outside Bell Hotel. The Council have now publicised this and a statutory month is required before work can begin.

Village Signs - two preferred sites have been designated. It is hoped that Geoff Bailey will update DCA at our next meeting.

Chapel Gardens

Sue Lund reported that she would be buying spring bulbs tomorrow. The

Satellite volunteers will be planting them in the Gardens next Tuesday or Thursday (depending on the weather). Phillida suggested contacting the Press for publicity. Sue will contact Sue Palfrey at Satellite Centre to see if she has already contacted the Press. The Gardening Days have been satisfactory. Leaf picking will be next on the agenda. No progress has been made on the installation of a seat and painting the railings as people have been away on holiday.

Car Parking

Phillida read out a letter to the DCA from James Skinner, Minister of Delph Methodist Church regarding the closure of the Methodist car park. David thought the DCA ought to generally pursue the issue of parking in Delph with Oldham Borough Council. It was agreed to write to Mr Hibbert with copies to Garth Harkness and Alan Roughley expressing our concern. It is hoped that all parties concerned can expedite a solution to this problem.

Action: Gill to write letter to Mr Hibbert plus copies to Councillors.

POLICE REPORT

Saddleworth North Monthly Crime Figures.

SEPTEMBER 2013 update

CRIME	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
BURGLARY (Of homes)	1	4	2	5	1	
BURGLARY OTHER (Shed, Garage, Business)	3	6	3	6	1	
THEFT FROM A VEHICLE	3	2	4	4	3	
THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	1	1	1	0	
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	2	3	3	5	1	
ROBBERY	0	0	0	0	0	

Burglary Dwelling x 1

Huddersfield Road, Scouthead.

Unknown Offender approaches rear of property from an unknown direction and uses a chisel to attempt to prise open rear Upvc door and is unsuccessful, leaving chisel on the floor. The offender then approaches a double glazed ground floor window and use an unknown implement to force it open causing damage but not gaining entry. The Offender then uses an unknown implement to prise open a window above the first window and gain entry to the property. An untidy search is conducted of the entire property and keys taken from a vase within the living room are used to unlock the front door.

Burglary Other x 1

Scouthead Filling Station, Huddersfield Road, Scouthead

Offender approaches rear of petrol station, climbs mesh fencing and removes roof slates from single storey building. The internal roof felt is then cut but entry not gained as offender is disturbed by a passing Police patrol. The offender makes off from the scene but returns 30 minutes later and tries to open a rear metal door but is unsuccessful.

Vehicle crime - Theft from A Vehicle x 3

Brighton Road, Austerlands – bag, purse and cash stolen.

Huddersfield Road, Scouthead – jacket and cash stolen

Huddersfield Road, Waterhead – coat and a drill stolen

Vehicle crime – Theft of a Motor Vehicle / vehicle interference x0

Criminal Damage x 1

Ladcastle Road , Dobcross

Unknown offender approaches parked secure unattended Vauxhall Nova between 1730 hours 270913 and 1000 hours 280913 and using body part, presumed foot ,kicks off side front door panel causing damage to body work, offender then make off in unknown direction.

Robbery x 0

Seasonal updates,

Burglars love the DARK

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Any Other Business

Phillida raised the issue of the proposed new Saddleworth School in Diggle.

Gill, who had attended the public meeting, gave a brief summary. The meeting was very well attended. A presentation was given as to why a new school was necessary and the headmaster expressed his concern over the present state of the school and fully endorsed the view that a new school was necessary. Diggle residents were not in favour of the scheme and were worried about traffic access. Phillida read out a letter from Mike Rooke of the Greenfield and Grasscroft Residents' Association summarising his views of the meeting and outlining future action. David Shipp said we should express our solidarity with the other Community Associations and act together.

Jo Green (a newly arrived resident of the village) asked who was responsible for maintaining the troughs in the village. Various individuals do take on some responsibility for the village troughs. Sue will contact Parish Councillor Nicky Kirkham and talk to her about co-ordinating trough planting. Jo said she is a gardener and will be happy to help. Sue will contact Jo about picking up leaves in Chapel Gardens.

Tony raised the issue of the poor state of the footpath from Hindle Terrace along the river. Does Compoflex own the land?

David said the Council has a duty to make sure a footpath is passable.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday January 14th 2014 Millgate Theatre Lounge Bar (venue to be confirmed)