

**Minutes of the meeting of Delph Community Association held on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7.45pm in the Millgate Centre.**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

**Present:** Bill Hullah, Tony Stell, Sandra Risby, Mary MacDonald, Mark Burgin, PC Clough, PCSO Crompton, Joanne Leighton, Phillida Shipp, David Shipp, Ken Hulme, Bob Rodgers, Geoff Bayley, Graham Griffiths, Gill Clark.

**There were no apologies**

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the last meeting held on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 be adopted as a true record.

**Matters arising**

Gill Clark had received a letter from Tony Noblet in reply to hers sent after the last meeting. Some of the issues had been addressed but there were some outstanding. In particular information about the timing of the improvements to the A62 were requested. **Action: Gill Clark**

Mary Macdonald said that the hedge bordering Slackcote Lane should be preserved when the road works resumed. Greater Manchester Ecology Unit plan to do a Biodiversity Survey on this hedge in the hope that this will help to spare it from the original plan by Oldham Council to dig it up.

**3. Treasurers Report**

**Balance**

£7,027

**Income since last meeting**

	£
OMBC grant for toilet	2,012
Friends of Delph donations	150
Interest received	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,210</b>

**Expenses**

Security	173
Gas and electric	349
Water	56
Other – windows, fire protection,	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>676</b>

**Profit in period** **1,534**

**Excluding grant – loss** **- 478**

We need to continue to fund raise as we are currently spending more than we are obtaining in donations, and the running costs of library are estimated to be £3,000 per year.

We need to continue to advise donors to complete gift aid envelopes when making donations as DCA get 28p back for every £1 donated if the donor is a UK taxpayer.

#### 4. Police Report

PC Mark Clough asked residents to report any fly tipping. There had recently been some tyres dumped on Stoneswood Rd. He stressed the importance of keeping door and windows locked and to be aware that thieves sometimes approach houses from farmland.

PCSO Kathryn Crompton reported the crime figures for Delph from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009:

Public Order x 1	Gatehead Rd 23.3.09
Burglary Dwelling x 3	Stoneswood Rd 23.3.09
	Denshaw Rd 4.4.09
	Dale View 10.4.09
Burglary Other	Saddleworth Motors, The Sound 22.4.09
Theft from Motor Vehicle x 3	Grains Rd 27.2.09
	Lark Hill Lane 28.3.09
	Castleshaw Lower Reservoir 6.4.09
Theft x 1	Co-op 26.3.09
Theft motor vehicle x1	Palin Wood Rd 4.3.09
Theft Other x 1	Home Build Supplies 24.2.09
Criminal Damage x3	Friarmere Rd 1.3.09
	St Anne's Square 2.4.09
	Hill Top Cottages 19.4.09

The Police are holding monthly surgeries in the Swan from 7.00 –8.00pm. They would like anyone who wants their help to come along. The next surgery will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Ken Hulme was concerned about off road bikes on Denshaw Moor. PC Clough asked him to report incidents, even if they could not be followed up immediately.

#### 5. Environment

It was agreed that the footpaths officer should be invited to the next meeting because concerns were raised at the last meeting about the poor state of the footpaths around the village.

**Action: Gill Clark**

Tony Stell suggested that Himalayan Balsam should be dealt with by spraying and that the Borough Council should do this. He asked the Parish Council to put pressure on Oldham Council about this.

**Action: Ken Hulme**

Ken Hulme reported that a Community Hydro working group were looking at the possibility of setting up a small hydroelectric plant at Dovestone reservoir. He would report back to further DCA meetings on progress.

#### 6. Fund Raising

Ken Hulme suggested that a coffee morning should be held at the Methodists. A concert by the Training Band in the Millgate Centre was also a possibility.

**Action: Ken Hulme**

Saddleworth Players have already offered DCA a charity evening in the next season but the date has not been fixed yet. The meeting agreed that the Scarecrow Trail should take place next year if Sue Lund was prepared to organise it.

**Action: Phillida Shipp**

## **7. Whit Friday**

St Thomas's Church have asked if any strong person could help carry their banner on Whit Friday morning. They also asked if anyone could organise their public address system for the service at the end of the walk. Bill Hullah said that he would guard it as he has done in the past. It was agreed that their requests would be put on our web site and circulated to those on the DCA mailing list who had an email address.

**Action: Phillida Shipp**

St Thomas's are no longer able to run the children's sports on Whit Friday afternoon and asked if DCA could do this. It was agreed that this is an important community event and that DCA would look into the possibility. Gill Clark has asked Steve Bradley if he will help and he has agreed. Delph School have also agreed to allow their field to be used. Help from DCA members will be required.

**Action: Gill Clark**

Geoff Bayley asked PC Clough what arrangements had been made for the residents of Stoneswood Rd during the band contest, as the road is closed at Thurston Clough. PC Clough said that Stoneswood Rd residents would be able to get in and out, but the bands would have priority.

## **8. Heights Church Yard**

St Thomas's need people to help maintain the churchyard. PC Clough suggested that the Probation Office might be able to provide people on the Community Payback scheme or the Church Youth Clubs in Uppermill and Diggle may be able to help.

**Action: Sandra Risby**

## **9. Library**

Phillida Shipp said that the refurbishment of the toilet in the library had been completed, and invited everyone to visit it when they were next in the library. The work had been made possible by a grant from Saddlewoth and Lees Area Committee. Those who were involved in preparing and presenting the bid were thanked for their help.

## **10. Any other business**

Phillida Shipp asked if DCA would ask for money from the Parish Council Special Projects Sub-Committee for the Oral History Project, if Martin Plant prepared the bid. The meeting agreed.

**Date of next meeting: This is the AGM and will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2009  
Unfortunately our present Chairman is unable to stand again. Please consider joining the committee.**