

DCA Exec meeting

January 15th 2013

Present: Gill Clark, Keith Begley, John Martindale, Geoff Bayley, Mike Clegg, Sue Lund, Phillida Shipp.

Apologies: Joan Lally

Matters arising from minutes of meeting held on October 23rd 2012

Representative from Delph Methodist Church.

Margaret Taylor had phoned Phillida and asked when the next DCA meeting was, as she would arrange for someone to attend. Gill was given her email address, and she will be put on the circulation list.

Millgate Car Park. Phillida had not got back to Jim Travis. She will do so soon.

Footpath to Delph Donkey Line via Station Yard. No further news from Cllr Alan Roughley about this problem.

Maintenance of Chapel Gardens

OMBC no longer carry this out and the Saddleworth Trust Ltd would like DCA to take on this responsibility. After some discussion Sue suggested that we should hold 3 or 4 Gardening Days a year, when the grass would be cut, the bushes trimmed and the paths kept in order. The idea would be to try to involve as many people in the community as possible. Keith agreed to be in charge of the project and the DCA Exec agreed to help him. Sue said that she knew some members of the Delph Allotments Society who would help. It was agreed that the first Gardening Day would be held at the beginning of May.

Treasurers Report

Mike reported that there was £241.87 in the current account and £9832.19 in the savings account making a total of £10,074.06.

Traffic and Transport Report

Delph bridge : There has been some movement, thanks to Councillor Alan Roughley, on the subject of what alterations and signage is needed to improve the give way problem at the bridge. Councillors Roughley, Harkness and Sally Fletcher from Unity Partnership put forward the following suggestions:

- 1) Road markings to be hatched round the bend and an additional 'SLOW' marking where a new bend warning sign could be erected. It is also proposed to place a 12m length of buff surfacing at the give way location to further highlight the need to give way. Other markings to remain.
- 2) Road markings to be hatched round the bend and adjacent to the kerb on High Street, which would hopefully reduce the speed of the traffic and align vehicles away from the kerb so they are better positioned to see traffic approaching from King St. 12m of buff surfacing as No 1 above.

Geoff and John insisted that serious consideration be given to the provision of a suitable sign on High St stating 'Give Way' or similar. It was decided that there would be a meeting to discuss this.

John and Geoff were congratulated for their perseverance.

Winter Plans

Saddleworth Parish Council and OMBC are anxious to address gritting and snow clearance of pavements and minor roads. OMBC has purchased 30 hand propelled gritting machines which would be operated by volunteers. They are also purchasing some snow blowers. There was a need for storage of machines and grit somewhere in the village, and a number of volunteers to use the machines when necessary. Gill and Keith will organize this.

New Delph Clinic and Methodist Car Park

Phillida produced a copy of the plans for the new clinic. It was agreed that it would be a great improvement on the existing building. However there was concern about parking. The application states that there is a large free car park for public use behind the Methodist Church. Some discussion followed on what our involvement should be. It was suggested that we should write to the Planning Department pointing out that the car park was not public and its continuing existence could not be guaranteed. Ideally Saddleworth Medical practice should reach an agreement with the Methodists to maintain it, if the Methodists continued to allow the public to park there.

Plans to replace Delph Library Windows

The library windows are not double glazed, and therefore not energy efficient, and are impossible to clean adequately. In order to apply for a grant to replace them an Architects plan and planning permission is needed. David George, architect, has drawn up some plans, and these were viewed at the meeting. Some alterations to the plans are needed. It is hoped that David George will explain the final plans at a subsequent meeting, which will include a representative from the Theatre.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 19th 2013 in the library at 12 noon