

Delph Community Association

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 18th July 2017

Present : Phillida Shipp (PS) David Shipp (DS) Sue Lund (SL) Mike Clegg (MC)
John Mustoe (JM) Gillian Clark (GC) Graham Griffiths (GG) Pat Howard (PC)

Apologies: Janet Curwell (JKC) Emily Hughes (EH)

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th April

These had been discussed at Executive Committee meetings on 23rd May and 19th June

Matters arising

Above and Beyond

The winner would be presented with a certificate and trophy at a buffet meal to be held on Saturday 23rd September at the Methodist Hall at 5.00pm (PH) PS would do the presentation. There would be an entertainment to follow (PH) Tickets would be £5. DCA would contribute £25 to pay for the winner and two guests. Cllr Nikki Kirkham would be invited (PH). Photos would be needed (PS). Fliers to be available about DCA with our new logo (PS)

Treasurer's Report

MC introduced the annual accounts for the year ending 30th June 2017. They had been certified by Peter Smallwood. In answer to questions he said:
DCA no longer had a telephone. The Library phone was part of the OMBC system.
The alarm costs and security costs were included in the IT item.
He had not received any bill for water (highway drainage) rates

Current balances (July) were:
Current Account £2,177.69
Reserve account £16,955.08

The accounts were approved. Thanks given to MC.

Saddleworth Neighbourhood Plan

PS had sent a list of 12 problem areas in Delph to Rob Knotts. This is attached to the minutes
GG had made some comments and would send them to PS. JM commented on Bailey Mill and access from the A62. Access might have to be partly from Delph New Road. JM commented on the 350 bus evening service which was one of the problem areas. PH was keen that any improvement should not be at the expense of the Local Link service.

Fund Raising

Scarecrow Trail - SL said £665 had been raised. Thanks given to SL for her work. The donkey heads made making the scarecrows easier for the makers- they could be scary but that was down to the particular maker.

Coop - it was understood that DCA would benefit at least until September and possibly might be a permanent recipient along with the School with the third recipient varying from time to time.

Chapel Garden and Fete

The Fete could be held on a different date. It would have to fit in with other village and Saddleworth events and with the availability of the Youth Band (GG). Whit Friday in 2018 was 25th May. A decision could be made later in the year.

It was felt that the grass was not being cut often enough. There was a discussion about the monitoring of the gardener and the need to get feed back from him about his hours and the use of his time. PS would ask KB about this.

Publicity

EH had done the logo and Facebook page but would not have time to pursue the website. MC said the current website was not being used. PS said DCA still needed one for basic information. It was agreed that there was a need for a new one and that DCA should be prepared to pay for advice. It was suggested that David Cummins be approached (JKC)

Community Associations and Parish Council

There was no report

Village Clean Up

There had been one on 24th June. The next one would be on 22nd July. There would be one to clean the Methodist car park in the autumn. We should find out whether Delph was included in the Parish Council schedule. (JKC)

SL suggested a welcome message should be written in bulbs on the bank at The Sound. JG would be asked for advice.

Community Banking

PS said that Paul Geary had been to the Exec to explain what he could do to help. Use of the Post Office was important. PS encouraged people to respond to the Post Office plans for Delph.

Delph Library

Next Tuesday 25th July there would be a session on Making best Use of your Mobile Phone. More people were needed to sign up for this.

The Summer Reading Challenge for children should be promoted.

Any Other Business

Badges - JKC had this in hand

A Frame - a new one was needed (PS)

Library Open sign - needed to be renewed - Robert Greenwood would be asked (GG)

Coop Notice Board - needed painting and to be used more effectively (JKC)

Fridge and stand needed for Library (PS)

Next Meetings

Exec 4th September 10.30 Delph Library

AGM 10th October 7.45 in Bar Lounge Millgate Arts Centre

PS said she would be standing down as Chair