

MINUTES OF DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2007

Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially guests –
Rachel Stead and Monica Seville - CPSOs;
Catherine Lingard, and Kathryn Bardsley - OMBC Youth Services;
Peter Lee - Homewatch Co-ordinator.

Graham suggested that as the two PCSO's might be called away we should start with their update.

Steve Kenny is on secondment - he will not be attending our meetings.

Disturbance in the village: a copy of the Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC) was circulated. ABCs have no formal status in law and are entirely voluntary in nature. However they have been used very successfully to intervene and head off antisocial behaviour of varying sorts. In September six youths had signed ABCs and three youths had refused to sign, the police are now getting information to serve ASBOS on these three. On Saturday three arrests were made in Delph under the Damage and Public Order Act. A discussion followed concerning dispersal orders: because of dispersal orders in other areas troublemakers are now coming to Delph. Would it be possible to have a dispersal order in Delph? It takes about six months to arrange this - it is a long process. Bill asked what proportion of offenders are Delph young people. The question of a 'mosquito' device was discussed. The police will get back to us and let us know if this is acceptable, but Katherine said the idea had been discussed in great detail and would not be accepted. The PCSO's reiterated that residents should phone the police if they see an offence being committed or if they see anything wrong, however small. The number is **0161 872 50 50**. These calls are logged and the police response depends on the number of calls from Delph. There are going to be extra patrols in the village on Friday and Saturday evenings. The PCSO's were thanked for their time and information. Phillida wished to record our thanks to Steve Kenny and the Meeting recorded their thanks and best wishes to Steve.

YOUTH SERVICE CONTRIBUTION:

Kathryn Bardsley and Catherine Lingard addressed the Meeting and a discussion took place on the provisions in the area for young people and thoughts on how to resolve the present problems. The Area Manager is Jan Joshi - complaints should go through area manager. Detached Youth Workers - Angela Foster is working this area.??

It was noted that the Youth Club is held on Mondays and Wednesday evenings and that on these nights there is not so much trouble in the village. Could something be provided for young people on Friday and Saturday?

This idea was dismissed as the youths who caused trouble over the weekends had other aims and probably would not use the Youth Club.

Kathryn said that she works on a weekly basis with the school. Graham informed the Meeting that Delph School has planning permission to erect a fence around the school and although this is not desirable it is deemed a necessity because of damage to the school area.

Counthill school will be open for football on Friday 7.30- 8.30.

Jack Crossley suggested we have a dedicated meeting to address the issue of behaviour in the village. Catherine stated that there are a range of agencies - Community Safety, Youth Offending Service. - all of which could be called on. Catherine will keep is up to date with her work in this area. It was suggested that a public meeting could be arranged sometime in the New Year. Phillida is our representative on the Community Council and will report back. to the DCA.

HOME WATCH:

Peter Lee addressed the Meeting. The basic objectives of Home Watch are to reduce local opportunities for Crime, establish a community spirit so that mutual co-operation can be achieved, inform the police of any suspicious activity and encourage people to keep an eye on the more vulnerable resident. . To set up a Home Watch scheme you need a co-ordinator (for about 10 or 15 people). The co-ordinator is the link between the residents and the local police and circulates information to the group. Peter provided several leaflets relating to home security and will e-mail Mark with the information: Mark will put it on our website. The Chair thanked Peter for his interesting and informative contribution.

The Meeting then reverted to the original Agenda.

PRESENT: Pete Lee GMP, Katherine Bardsley Satellite Youth Centre, Catherine Lingard Civic Centre, PCSO Rachel Stead and PCSO Monica Seville, Phillida Shipp, Gill Clark, Graham Griffiths, Joanne Leighton, Sandra Povah, Joan Lally, Geoff Bayley, Jack Crossley, Bill Hullah, Mark Burgin, Keith Begley, Sandra Risby, Alistair Watts, W Marsh, N Marsh,

APOLOGIES:

Ken Hulme, John Brocklehurst, Jenny Begley and Sue Lund.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were accepted.

No matters arising.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bank Balance £5,206

Profit for the year to date (1 July) £697

Significant Income: Funny money great success raised £590. Gift Aid: £290 from HMRC. Need to push for donations to be made using the envelopes in the library wherever possible to ensure maximum tax claims.

Significant Expenses: General library running expenses - electricity, gas, windows, phone.

Upcoming significant expenses: Oldham council sent an invoice for annual security for £1,527.50. Phillida has managed to reduce this to £600 and we are considering options to reduce the overall costs of security .

Fundraising ideas: will be put on the website.

ENVIRONMENT:

High Moor Tip: Anyone who was at the meeting to discuss High Moor Tip will receive an update by mail shot. A CD is being issued and this will be put on the website by Mark.

Village building works: According to Tony Noblett there is nothing outstanding on these works. The road in front of the hairdressers has 'hatched' markings between the curbs which is an improvement. Concern was expressed where the road over the bridge narrows, and it was felt that sign to this effect was needed. The question was raised of lorries trying to turn left at the end of Grains Road and it was suggested that there should be a sign prohibiting a left turn for lorries. The garden outside the library has been demolished again and needs attention. Phillida informed the meeting that someone is coming to look at it and advise.

The proposed 20 mph speed limit is not in operation as it is part of the review which will take place.

Chapel Gardens - a reply is awaited from the Trustees, the DCA will write again.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mark is getting news from Diane Bolan (High Moor Tip) which will be published on our website. Mark would like more contributions to website and any help anyone is willing to give him.

LIBRARY AND MILLGATE:

Phillida asked for more volunteers for the library and for residents to keep visiting the library. There is a Millgate meeting on 12th December and a public meeting is planned some time in February to review any planned changes. A large bid has gone in for Government money (administered by the Lottery). A number of other bids are going through including the Community Asset Bid.

NEW INITIATIVES:

Ken is working on the Independent Chapel/War graves issue. The people who own it have been approached and it is now in the Trustees' hands. Keith said the Independent Chapel is in Probate and we cannot do anything until it is out of Probate.

A bid has also gone in to the Plunkett Foundation.

Mark suggested a 'Buy At' portal on our website to raise money - this is being looked into.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Correspondence: Gill read a reply that we had received from the Fire Authority. Jack thought the letter was a fob off. It was suggested that Jack should take the letter and tell us what questions we need to ask the Fire authority. Jack said we should ask what the justification was for the reduced cover..

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Suggested date Tuesday 19th February 2008.