

## Delph Community Association

### Minutes of meeting Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 held in Millgate Centre.

**Attended by;** A.Watts, P.Shipp, D. Shipp, B.Hullah, A.Stell, P.Travis, M.Seville CPSO.  
C.Gill.Anti Social Behaviour Officer, M Simmons O.M.B.C. Area Committee,  
R Lawson, K Hulme, P Collinge, C.Bell BHollins.  
**Apologies;** S.Lund, M.&J Reid. S.Rigby, G.Bayley

Welcome to Mr.Tony Noblet, Service Director Highways, O.M.B.C..

Minutes of last meeting passed as correct.

Matters arising;

Thanks to St.Thomas Church for support and hospitality **{done}**

Kick about area; Graham has been in touch with C Lingard O.M.B.C. and site project is on going and hopes the newly formed "Area Committee" will acknowledge the value of the idea.

#### **Treasurers Report;** Joanne Leighton.

Bank Balance; £5,332

Profit for year July 1st 2008 £1,364.

Significant income.

O.M.B.C. compensation £750.

Donation from Dr. McEwan in memory of his late mother Margaret McEwan, £250.

Oldham council have allocated £20,000 to the Library for the coming year. This money will not go through our books. They propose that this should be used to develop the Delph Library service so that it is connected to the other library services in the borough.

It is anticipated that this will result in extra costs to the D.C.A.

Running costs for the upkeep of the Library were £4,000 last year

Thus, though we have a healthy balance, it was recognised that this may be needed for maintenance and contingencies.

#### **Environment;**

Mr. Tony Noblet, O.M.B.C. Highways Director was invited to the meeting to discuss the roads and traffic problems in the village.

He was able to tell us that road safety near the school was priority at the moment.

A zebra crossing outside the school is projected, also zig-zag lines and double yellow lines to restrict parking near the school gate which obscures the view of road users. Two speed humps and a built out area on the village incoming side of the road planned. Tony Noblet is anxious that this is achieved quickly.

Traffic slow down in village. Tony is anxious to avoid excessive use of road signs and lines.

Buses seem to cause problems by crossing and passing each other particularly by the Library. Also road users ignoring road signs.

To propose more road signs would result in consultations which may not end in a positive result.

R. Lawson would like a mini roundabout at the White Lion Corner- if it is possible.

Other problems.

Has Bridge restriction slowed down traffic?

Puddling outside Chip shop still there. Engineers have been consulted

Slackcote Lane is being damaged by heavy traffic.

Flower bed outside Library

Suggestion that it should be set back as there should be a border between it and the road - possibly cobbles will be a solution. The shape of the Patio be modified to project less.

Graham thanked Mr. Noblet and invited him to our meeting in Feb. to review progress. Tony said he would explore suggestions with his team.

#### **Oldham Area Committees**

Mark Simmons and Councillor Barbara Beeley represent Saddleworth and Lees..

They explained their role and have money available to support local needs and initiatives in this area. Area Committee has a budget £45,000 for the Borough.

There is an open meeting at Lydgate School on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> to which we are invited. A news letter will be circulated to this district

#### **Anti.social Behaviour Reduction Team.**

Charlotte Gill explained her role and aim which is to stop any anti social behaviour particularly before it gets worse,

She is anxious to know about incidents of unruly behaviour even if it is after the event.

Concern was expressed at the difficulty in obtaining a response to calls to the Police.

Phone no. 872 5050 goes to Manchester City office and the C.S.P.Os are out of the office.

Saddleworth& Lees call number is 0161 856 4524.

A meeting was suggested between D.C.A. Youth Service and Anti social officer to explore diversionary activities. Charlotte to coordinate.

#### **Chapel Gardens**

David Harrison reports progress. On Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Saddleworth Trust members are meeting to view the landscape architects plans for the gardens.

These will be on display to the village, possibly in the Methodist School room and then the Library. The trust members are very anxious to hear what the people of Delph think of the plans.

#### **Library** Phillida Shipp.

We have received a cheque for £750 as compensation. From O.M.B.C.

O.M.B.C. have agreed to bring the Library back into their network using the grant of £20,000. They will install computerised self issue machines and other benefits

These will not go through our accounts.

**Millgate Centre.** Keith Begley reports a change in the management structure. A team will be in charge of booking the Centre which could be used for meetings. It is visualised as a "community hub"

#### **Fund Raising.**

Saddleworth Players' production of An Ideal Husband has been allocated to us as a charity event. This will be on November 16<sup>th</sup> and we will have to sell tickets.

It is important to maintain momentum for future events.

#### **On going Projects** Ken Hulme

The following were discussed;

Plans are being submitted for development of the Independent Chapel.

The graveyard still needs clearing.

Ideas for the future.

Better facilities at the Millgate Centre

Eg improved toilets for the public and staff in the Library.

Enclosing the patio area outside the Library. Tony Stell reminded us that the reason the area was left open in the sixties was to enable traffic better visibility from Grains Rd.

Small disabled access ramp.

#### **Correspondence.**

Letter from Patrick Dawson thanking D.C.A. for its support re sewage in the river.

K. Begley reports that any contamination seen in the river after Brooklands Lodge should be reported to United Utilities.

#### **A.O.B.**

Complaint about persistent dog fouling between Millgate carpark and the Coop

Could the culprit be identified? Please watch out

Meeting closed at 10.15pm

Date of next meeting November 4<sup>th</sup> 2008

Millgate Centre if available, at 7.45pm