

MINUTES OF DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD JULY 2007

PRESENT:

Graham Griffiths, Bill Hullah, Phillida Shipp, David Shipp, Ken Hulme, Gill Clark, Joan Lally, Mark Burgin, Paul Travis, Diane Gaunt, Sandra Risby, Alastair Watts, John Brocklehurst, Keith Begley, Joanne Leighton, Sue Lund, Jose Whitehead, M. Marsh, Ken Bennett, Alan Roughley, Josie?.

APOLOGIES:

Derek Heffernan, Brian Allison (Co-op), David Harrison, Pam Preston, Jenny Begley, Pip Rigby (PTA).

MINUTES OF MEETING MAY 15TH 07

Minutes of the DCA meeting held on 15 May 2007 were accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

High Moor Tip

The stench can be stopped chemically. A meeting with the Environment Agency and the Tip will take place. Keith Begley said Delph experienced the methane smell more when the weather is cold. Bill Hullah asked if there is any control on how many lorries go to the tip. It was stressed that *every* time anyone experiences the smell they should ring 0800 807060 number as, in law, all calls to the Tip have to be logged. Alan suggested we should organise a meeting of the DCA at the High Moor Tip itself, this seemed a good plan. We also need someone to act as a formal link with the Tip.

REPORTS:

Library - nothing to report

General Review - a report is expected in September.

Millgate Centre: David Shipp reported that the Millgate Arts Centre Limited is registered as a Charity and is Limited by Guarantee. A new lease has been agreed with the Council. A large bid has been put in to the Lottery and a response is expected in September. Graham reported that there will be an updated public meeting sometime during September/October. The Steering Committee is still operating and an initial board of directors has been appointed. In response to a question David stated that there are no shareholders in the Millgate Arts Centre; it is a non-profit making organisation and is Limited by Guarantee.

Delph Roadworks:

Sandra reported back on a meeting that had taken place on 21 June with Alan Cayton and Steve Palk, OMBC.

The Plans of works have been distributed for display in the library and are also now on our website. Confirmation that the 20mph speed limit would not be imposed at this stage and the suggested road humps will also be withdrawn.

An Experimental Traffic Order will be requested by OMBC in readiness for any future traffic orders that need to be considered by way of a review of the improvements.

A limited Waiting Restriction for up to 2 hours will be implemented on Garside Street and King Street.

Resurfacing of the roads (in part) for the following areas: Lodge Lane, Delph Lane as far as Cobblers Hill, Hill End Road, High Street, King Street, St. Ann's Square (and footpaths), Grains Road, Stoneswood Road to Knott Hill and Millgate/The Sound.

OMBC have agreed to review the manner of the narrowing of the bridge.

A temporary chicane will be implemented by way of cones on Millgate and the effect monitored before permanent measures are put in place. On the bridge there will be a system of road narrowing by raised curbs, allowing single file traffic to cross with priority from the village. Alternative methods are still under discussion.

Extension of footpath from 1 - 7 High Street and suggestion that railings be removed. Mike Buckley opposed this as the railings are some of the oldest in Delph.

OMBC and the contractors will meet in the next 10 days to agree a schedule for the road/pavement works and advise this group by way of another meeting on a date to be fixed

Alan suggested we might wish to preserve the cobbles that are being removed in case we want them back at a future date.

Mark said the parapet on the bridge was very dangerous, however it has now gone.

Alan said that it had been agreed that the footbridge would be faced in stone and we ought to keep pressing for this. Keith replied that it could not be faced in stone all the way
Alan asked if the railing could be more in keeping with the village and take the other one down.
Bill asked about the 20 mph limit around the school. Alan said it is now government policy for every school to have a 20 mph limit. Graham suggested we should write to the school governors letting them know that we will continue to put pressure on for the 20 mph limit

WEBSITE:

Although the Website is sponsored by the DCA it is not solely for our use, it is for the whole of Delph. Contributions are needed on a fortnightly or monthly basis. Mark asked if anyone would like to volunteer to help with the website.

COMMUNICATION:

Last year a mail shot was sent out but not many people responded to it, so it has been decided not to send out paper shots but to do it by e-mail. Sandra will put leaflet out.

SCARECROW TRAIL:

Sue Lund reported that about 400 trail brochures were picked up. The winning scarecrow was Captain Cook and Josie was presented with a trophy cup. The first prize was won by Jill and Andrew Davis of Dale Lane and Lucy and Sam Hilton from Lazby House, Stanedge. The photos will go on the website.

FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

A letter has been sent to Mr. Bennett in Oldham to see if we can progress this. There has been no reply yet.

CHAPEL GARDENS:

It was decided to write formally to the trustees and request someone to attend our next meeting.

FUNDRAISING:

Bill asked if we would be having another band concert in the Chapel Gardens. Ken will pursue this. Ken informed the meeting that substantial amounts of money would be coming into Greater Manchester and if we want to access some of this money we should get serious. £400,000 for the next seven years will be coming into rural Greater Manchester.

We need a strategic plan of how we see the area developing i.e. independent village living for elderly people, electronic village hall etc. Phillida asked how Ken proposed to take this forward. A lengthy discussion ensued. John Brocklehurst said people need to talk to each other and we must all pull together. Ken agreed we must all pull together: he has met with people in Oldham about a vision for Saddleworth. It was agreed that the Executive will see how we can work together to get serious money into Saddleworth area.

Phillida reported that we have been offered another Theatre Night.

The idea of a Pantomime being put on in the Centre seemed unworkable, as the Saddleworth Players have the theatre booked over all the Christmas period. It was suggested that the upstairs room in the Methodist Hall could be a venue, as this had been used in previous times.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Information to be supplied for next Executive Meeting. Gill to arrange date for next Executive Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Clara's cellar. Workmen have promise to look at pipe work and will report back.