

MINUTES OF DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2008 IN ST. THOMAS' CHURCH HALL, DELPH AT 7.45 PM
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PRESENT:

Graham Griffiths, Gillian Clark, Keith Begley, Alastair Watts, Joanne Leighton, Sandra Risby, Bill Hullah, Rod Lawson.

APOLOGIES:

Phillida Shipp, Joan Lally, Jack Crossley, Sue Lund, John Brocklehurst.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 8TH APRIL 2008.

It was proposed and agreed that these Minutes were a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Kick about Area

Keith Begley raised the issue of the kick about area (which will now be referred to as a Multi Use Games Area). He reported that the playground near Holland Close is in a disgraceful state: swings missing near the area which had been flooded with sewage. Keith has been in touch with the Environment Asset Manager but has not yet had a reply and he felt that an approach to the National Playing Fields Association might be more productive. A letter is to be sent to OMBC about the missing swings.

Independent Chapel and Graveyard:

This matter to be recorded under the Environment Section.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Joanne reported that we have £4,500 in the bank which includes cash from book sales. It was mentioned that someone had read in the Oldham Chronicle that OMBC has agreed to give the Library £750 as compensation but the DCA has received no official communication. The possibility of a grant of £20,000 was mentioned. Joanne thinks we should focus on how to drive the Library forward, for example - an annual report for the village as a whole.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter was sent from the DCA to Patrick Dawson about the sewage in the river. Parish Councillor Keith Begley had contacted Karen Jackson of OMBC who has not yet responded. Keith reported that the water from Brooklands Lodge is running fast and clear: he suspects that the problem may have been temporary.

A letter from DCA was sent to David Harrison about the plans for the Chapel Gardens. Keith Begley has a recent plan from a landscape architect: a three dimensional model is being prepared for display to the village and amendments are anticipated.

Letter written to Tony Noblett re flower beds in front of Library which are frequently knocked down by traffic. Mr Noblett said he will inspect the area and consider other positions for the flower beds.

Letter from the Charity Commission requesting financial details - this letter and response form given to Joanne to deal with.

ENVIRONMENT:

Independent chapel and graveyard:

Rod Lawson is concerned about the delay in clearing up the site. He is often approached by visitors to the graveyard as he lives nearby in the Manse. Ken Hulme has recent correspondence from the owner, Dr Smith, who does not feel ready yet to participate in any discussion for clearing up the graveyard to ease access to the graves. As the Chapel is in a conservation area it was felt that there should be some control over the state of the building and graveyard. The adder survey is said to be on-going but there is no concern for other wild life. Trees had been felled near new build housing but agreement to replace trees has not been done. Ken Hulme will be able to keep us informed about these matters.

Public toilets on Hill End Road:

Rod Lawson suggests opening them or demolishing them. He is anxious that signs for the WC be removed as the area around the toilets is being used as a WC when the building is closed and is very offensive.

Lack of road signs through village:

Still cause for concern, particularly at White Lion corner where accidents are anticipated. Tony Noblett to be invited to the next DCA meeting to review road signs, traffic priorities and 20 mph limits.

MILLGATE CENTRE:

A Meeting tomorrow night (23/07/08) with Gary Coplich of Manchester Communication Information Network - with a view to creating a Media Network Centre in the Library.

FUND RAISING:

Cheese and wine evening in collaboration with Co-op Fair Trade planned for October. A suggestion to use the Library terrace for coffee and book sales was put forward. Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

16 September - planned to be held in Millgate Centre bar area.