

## DELPH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Minutes of Meeting: September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

### **Welcome and introductions**

#### **Apologies for absence**

Mike Buckley, Ken Hulme, Tony Noblet, Jenny Dennis, Pat Buchan, John & Maxine Martindale.

Minutes of last meeting and points arising omitted. [for next meeting].

### **Treasurers Report**

(Joanne Leighton)

#### **Bank balance:**

£4,930

#### **Income since last meeting:**

Saddleworth Parish Council grant	£ 200
Book sales	64
Cash from tub	<u>70</u>
	<u>334</u>

#### **Expenses:**

Security	95
Electric	85
Phone	68
Windows	<u>25</u>
	<u>274</u>

Surplus in period £ 60

Excluding grant- loss £ (180)

The estimated running costs of the library are c£3,000 per annum.

#### **Environment**

Result of the playground presentation in July- Due to further consultation between the Parks Dept and Jenny Dennis of the Integrated Children's Centre, the plans are not expected until March.

## **Chapel Gardens**

(David Harrison from the Saddleworth Trust.)

About two years ago, the Trust asked for ideas from Delph Village people. They compiled a vision for the Chapel Garden which was exhibited in the Methodist Hall. This plan was approved by the majority of viewers.

Later the plan was exhibited in the Library, with a box for comments about the scheme. This time the majority vote was against the plan.

The Saddleworth Trust applied to Committee for funds to pay a project manager to implement their plans but this application was unsuccessful because of insufficient support from the village. It is not certain now how the Trust will proceed.

In the garden some trees are out of control and pruning treatment needed. In the following discussion, it appeared that Oldham Councils' position regarding their responsibility for the gardens and car park was unclear. This needs clarifying.  
ACTION: Phillida.

## **Red telephone boxes at Delph crossroads and Heights**

British Telecom (BT) propose to dispense with the traditional red telephone boxes and are suggesting an adoption scheme with local organizations such as the Parish Council, DCA or O.M.B.C.

Ken Hulme suggests that they could be used as information posts.[the doors would be sealed]

The box at Delph crossroads was considered not to have much potential but the one at Heights was more appropriate to the area.

Joanne Leighton thinks that people are not aware of BTs' plans and that the DCA should consult with a wider audience possibly via Delph school to obtain views as to the future of these boxes.

## **Library**

(Phillida Shipp)

Two new computers from Oldham Council have been installed.

The self service machine has also been installed but is not connected to the Oldham-system yet.

M. Clegg asked about help from Oldham Council and in particular who provides new books? Phillida confirmed that Oldham Council currently provide new books.

## **Saddleworth Voices**

(Martin Plant)

Martin was employed as an interviewer using tape recordings which were published. He realises that everyone has a story to tell. In Saddleworth these stories would be lost unless we can collect them by tape.

North West Archives, based in Clitheroe have been very supportive, training people, lending equipment and sharing their methods of enabling people to talk freely.

Our aim is to provide a process which is enjoyable to the interviewee and interviewer. The interviewee is asked to sign a consent form so that their memories may be shared by others.

### **Fund Raising**

A charity night for the Library has been offered by Saddleworth players- "The Killing of Sister George" on Sunday Nov.22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10 which includes a supper after the play.

Sue Lund has a list for supper menu contributions.

A concert by Delph Youth Band was suggested, if possible, for the New Year.

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

Bulky Bob- Oldham Council is offering a free collection service for up to 3 large unwanted items. Telephone number: 0161 770 6644.

### **Correspondence**

Letter from Tony Noblet in response to the invitation to our meeting. He has retired but passed our concerns onto Mr Stephen Palk

Items identified:

Delph Bridge; priority signing, particularly after the White Lion pub, length of time of closure of Stoneswood Rd [Keith Begley thinks it is June 2010], snaggings, puddles outside the chip shop and in High St, 20mph limit outside the school.

**Next meeting is on November 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 in the Millgate Theatre bar**

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**