

Delph Community Association.

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday March 30<sup>th</sup>,2010  
Millgate Theatre Bar, Delph.

**Welcome and introductions.**

Present; Bill Hullah, Tony Stell, Sue Lund, David off Shipp, Keith Begley, Alistair Watts, Phillida Shipp, Gillian Clark, Ken Hulme, GeBayley, Zoe Tindall. Ian Carter, Edith Carter, Paul Travis P.C. Mark Clough and 2 PCOs

**Apologies for Absence;**

Joanne Leighton, John Martindale, Geraldine Malone

**Minutes of last meeting;**

Matters arising;

Correction to minutes of meeting Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 relating to Fund raising;

Joanne Leighton has no time to canvass for more subscribers to Friends of Delph Library but thinks it would be a good idea if anyone is willing to take it up .

Minutes were then accepted as a true record.

**Further matters arising**

**Methodist Car Park**

Lawyers for the Methodists are now ready to sign a contract with O.M.B.C. on the understanding that no parking charges will be made. Responsibility for the car park will then be undertaken by OMBC.

**Red Telephone Boxes;**

Ken Hulme reported that Mike Fancy has agreed to adopt a box. District Partnership has agreed to pay a contribution towards refurbishing and views from the community will be canvassed on how it may be best used.

ACTION; Ken to liaise with Mike Buckley on latest ideas;

**Community Clean Up.**

Apart from picking up litter, there are many self seeding trees and grass on Millgate Car Park which need removing. Bill Darwin is organizing a litter cleanup. Keith Begley asked if we might uproot the seedlings as a DCA action. Phillida has tried to contact the Parks Dept. as this probably comes under their jurisdiction

ACTION; Phillida to pursue seedling removal with Parks. Dept.

Gill reported that Delph School is planning a litter clear up on April 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be well equipped with bibs, bags and litter pickers. Gill hopes we will be careful not to litter. Pick too carefully so that they will have lots to collect.

Street Fair;

Keith gave the date for the Fair as June 6<sup>th</sup> although this date is not sacrosanct. Phillida thought the DCA did not have the time to take this project on but the DCA might go ahead with at a late

ACTION; Phillida and Executive to discuss..

### **Reports;**

Zoe Tindall gave an update progress report about The Play Partnership. There has been a delay on the equipment for the Swan Meadow Play Area but they hope to open it on the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> 2010. Zoe will send out publicity around a 4 mile radius and also to the Library.

Bill Hullah asked if the road to Swan Meadow would be resurfaced. Zoe will check and e.mail reply. Ken asked if anybody would be keeping an eye on the area. P.C. Clough aid the residents in the area were aware, they had been informed. Foot Patrols will be carried out. Zoe outlined some of the activities planned; she is also liaising with the Nursery.

The play area will be for young people up to the age of 19.

It is hoped that there will be an official opening with the presence of councilors and photographers. Zoe has a consent form which must be signed for photographs.

Willow trees which are growing in the area could be used for basket weaving sessions.

ACTION; Zoe will liaise with Police and report to the Play Partnership. E mails to Gill.

### **Treasurers Report.**

#### **Bank balances.**

£4,785. [£5,347. last period]

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Income since last meeting, | £70   |
| Cash from tub              | £37_  |
| Total-----                 | £107. |

#### Expenses

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|---------------------------|------|
| Electric & Gas            | £299 |
| Phone & Security          | £171 |
| Windows                   | 0    |
| Business rates            | £108 |
| Internet costs            | £ 17 |
| Fire protection           | £ 17 |
| Library sundries & toners | £ 58 |

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£669.

**DEFICIT FOR PERIOD ---£562-**

- Point s to note;

- Need to continue to fund raise as we are currently spending more than we are obtaining in donations and running costs of the Library are estimated to be £3,000 per annum.
- Upcoming significant expenses-insurance- estimate £450
- Upcoming significant income—Scarecrow Trail
- If anyone knows somebody who would be willing to take over the role of TREASURER, please could they let Joanne or Phillida know as Joanne will not be standing for re election at the next AGM.
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- Keith again raised the Street Fair idea as a good fund raising event. Phillida replied that the Executive felt that they were fully committed but a more viable date could be discussed at next DCA meeting.

NB The Party in the Park is set for September 18<sup>th</sup> 2010.

### **Police Report**

Mark Clough will send a local crime report which will be on display in the Library. The Police had a disappointing response to their well advertised campaign for Home Watch schemes in Delph. Only 12 people turned up for the meeting.

### **Fund Raising.**

Scarecrow Trail; Sue Lund reported that all was going well with the arrangements for the Trail but she needs more names for advertising. Keith will supply names to Sue. The Trail runs for a whole week after Whit Friday which is May 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. Volunteers are needed to sell programmes at least two weeks before the event. Programmes should be ready for sale at the next DCA Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Delph Band.**

Ken thought it was not feasible to ask people to pay for a performance of Delph Band but thought they could be involved in Prize giving events due to be held in June.

### **Library;**

Phillida said she was very grateful to the DCA for funds raised. At the moment, the Library is struggling with the self service machine.

### **Chapel Gardens;**

Phillida reported that the District Partnership has agreed to Chapel Gardens some money.

### **Community Hydro;**

Phillida is the DCA representative on this project and gave a brief summary about this scheme which is to use water from rivers to drive turbines etc.

It is to be financed for example by grants/ loans /shares, When the project is operational, money would be paid to the Grid and surplus money would be used for community projects. The share launch will probably be in September at Dovestones.

### **Traffic Problems in Delph;**

A meeting of the Transport and Traffic sub –committee of the Parish Council and District Partnership will **be held on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Geoff Bayley listed the following problem areas.

- Denshaw Rd..original request was for a 20mph zone and a crossing.
- Delph Bridge; signage requested. Non residents are unaware of priority system operating on the bridge.
- Pavement outside the Library in Millgate which projects acutely and accidents have been caused.
- Junction at Grains Rd. and King St. Possibility of installing a mirror was discussed.Tony Stell said local authority would not sanction a mirror, in their opinion,mirrors created more danger than original problem
- Paul Travis thinks the traffic needs to be slowed down. Vans are mounting the pavement.and the vibration of traffic is destructive for the houses.
- Heavy Goods Vehicles;
- In the past, a scheme was set up by volunteers who noted the number plates of prohibited going through the village.A letter was sent to the company who owned the vehicle and to the police which Ken said was effective.One cause of the problem is Sat.Nav. directing unsuitable vehicles through the village It was suggested that the Police might be willing to erect a camcorder to monitor these vehicles.

ACTION; Geoff and Ian will attend meeting;

### **Any other business.**

The proposed new development in Lawton Square discussed. Planning permission was granted 5 years ago although the Parish Council opposed the proposal.An appeal was not thought possible but one could ask for a ‘judicial revue’

Ken suggested that the residents whose property was most affected should get in touch with local MPS and mobilize opposition to the scheme.He will supply any information he can to the residents.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday.May 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7.45pm at

### **St. Thomas Church Hall Delph**