

## Thurstonland Village Association

### Committee meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Keith Barnes'

#### Present

Elaine Adler                      Keith Barnes                      David Jones                      Penny Lunn                      Janet Matthews  
Maureen Meddick

#### Councillor

Robert Barraclough

#### Apologies

Joyce Booth                      Elaine Lockwood                      David Stubbs

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

#### Matters arising

1. Community Grant Form as we have no specific project at the moment we decided to leave this application for now.
2. Treasurer Janet reported that we have £372.51 in our account. DJ gave her the money from advertising in the last newsletter (£21.00) J.M. said she would buy a receipt book. She advised us to continue photocopying at the school until the arrival of the new headteacher when the situation would be reviewed. T.V.A. is to receive a £100.00 grant from Kirkburton Parish Council. Robert Barraclough said that Farnley Tyas put their grant into setting up their website, but it is important to remember running costs. We are happy with the work that Lee does for us and appreciate the time and effort that he puts into the website on our behalf.
3. Newsletter to be out by 28<sup>th</sup> March.....more later

#### Programme for 2009

- ❖ Grubbing Out EA and MM will organise this event in the Spring (date to be arranged). It will cover maintenance of areas worked in October plus a part of the churchyard (to be arranged with Brian Lightowler) and the adoption of three graves. RB will find out the phone number of the ranger.
- ❖ The Wells Mr McGuigan has offered free topsoil for the wells on Thurstonland Bank Road. DJ offered to contact Sally Kilner for an update on the wells then he will contact Mr McGuigan if necessary.
- ❖ Village Walk DJ will arrange a date and advertise this event in our next newsletter.
- ❖ Fundraising We have received a letter from the Gala Committee regarding our involvement in Gala 2009. KB will report that we are happy to run a Tombola stall as last year and give a percentage of our takings to the Gala fund.
- ❖ Scarecrow Trail JM told us that this would take place in mid June.
- ❖ Market Stall The idea of a market stall (in Huddersfield) has been put on hold for now. We will explore the possibilities of a joint 'table top' sale with Stocksmoor in their village hall
- ❖ Carols Our involvement in this event to be discussed at a later meeting.
- ❖ Christmas Tree 2009 MM happy to mastermind this again.
- ❖ Rec. restoration and improvement KB was nominated as the link between TVA, School and Cricket Club regarding the rec. as a whole, drainage and proposed garden area. He will liaise with these groups, while looking into possibilities for funding, e.g. The Community Spaces programme run by Groundwork UK, which is part of the Big Lottery's Funds Changing Spaces programme (see file). EA will contact Tom Ghee (Highways Drainage) for an update on Kirklees' position on this matter.
- ❖ Monitoring Planning MM reported on recent applications in the village which can be found on [kirklees.gov.org/planning](http://kirklees.gov.org/planning)

#### 2008 Ongoing

- ❖ Reduction of speed in the village If DJ will prepare it, this issue can be put on the agenda at the next Area committee meeting. It was suggested that he might co-opt two interested parties, Guy Denton and Tim Difford. RB also said that there is a planning meeting before the Area Committee and Andrew Cooper could be briefed to present this item. We need to keep up the pressure. Speeding is a problem in all 3 villages and RB suggested that we contact Bar Smith in Farnley who has knowledge and experience in this area.
- ❖ Installation Town Moor Path Councillor Derek Hardcasle wishes to speak on this matter.
- ❖ Insurance This not essential until we have specific events planned.
- ❖ Community Plan RB explained the benefits of such a plan:-
  - I. More villages with plans the better it is for Kirkburton PC
  - II. Authorities i.e. Kirklees like them
  - III. Good thing to do
  - IV. VerifiableHe said it is quite an undertaking but someone from Rural Action Yorkshire would come and speak to us and get us started and he would help too.
- ❖ Kirklees Boundary Review Our application was backed by Kirkburton PC and supported by Kirklees. The Thurstonland Boundary change is now dependent on confirmation from the Boundary Commission.

## Newsletter

Routine Inclusion heading, website, balance sheet  
Number (4 March 2009)

### Subjects to be included and writer

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|---------------------------------------|----|
| ▪ Overview of 2008                    | KB |
| ▪ Quarry report                       | PL |
| ▪ Grubbing out                        | EA |
| ▪ Village Walk                        | DJ |
| ▪ Tombola at Gala                     | EA |
| ▪ Table Top Stall                     | JM |
| ▪ Speeding                            | DJ |
| ▪ Meet the councillors (AGM?)         | KB |
| ▪ Planning                            | MM |
| ▪ Adverts (plus collection of fee)    | DJ |
| ▪ Balance sheet                       | JM |
| ▪ Inserts (Ann Dowlen, B. Lightowler) | EA |

### Timetable for production

All material to be in by 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009

Collate 4 people Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March

To Lee on computer 12<sup>th</sup> March

Photocopy 17<sup>th</sup> March JM and EA

Distribute 20<sup>th</sup> March 6 people

### AGM Publicity in the Newsletter

There was a lively discussion on the format that the AGM should take which resulted in the following:

- AGM to start around 7.30p.m.
- Keep short and to the point
- To be followed by meet the councillors
- Local interest picture quiz

Many thanks were expressed to Keith Barnes for his hospitality and the meeting closed at 11.00p.m.