

Meeting held on Mon 5th May at Thurstonland CC

Present

Elaine Adler	Keith Barnes	Lee Booth	Joyce Booth
Guy Denton	David Jones	Elaine Lockwood	Penny Lunn
Maureen Meddick	Paul Sanderson	Sonya Sanderson	

Robert Barraclough: Parish Councillor

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

1. EA has spoken to Derek Hardcastle about the matter of a village notice board. He promised to put it on the agenda at the next PC meeting. In his absence Robert Barraclough explained that we would need to find the answers to the following queries.
 - a) Where would the Notice Board go?
 - b) Who owns that land?
 - c) Would we get permission from the landowner? (it could be Kirklees)
 - d) What style of Notice Board would best suit the Village's needs?

EA and MM will investigate this matter including looking at the newest one in the area at Flockton.

2. Community Garden

Guy Denton explained that he had been approached by Thurstonland School to design an outdoor area located between the hard standing and the Marsh Hall Lane wall on the Rec. The school is keen that this should be a community project, which would be both an educational resource and a relaxing area for residents. It was agreed that the villagers should be consulted as the Norton Trust donated the rec to the village. There are several questions which require answers in addition to this such as:

- a) Would it need planning permission?
- b) How would it be financed? (school has its own funding potential)

There was a lively debate on this topic which resulted in the following decisions being made.

- Guy would speak to Jo Martin (Headteacher) with a view to making a plan of the proposed garden with its outdoor story garden, maze, willow garden, bog garden, willow tunnel, log piles (for insects) and wildflower area available on the village website. He would liaise with LB for this.
- The proposed plan of the garden will go out with the next newsletter, if the school is in agreement.
- PL suggested there should be a survey of the rec and what it should be used for.

3. Infill of Quarry at Hall Ing Road Thurstonland

This application for planning permission has re-appeared in the village. PL outlined the situation and everyone aired their views. The fact is that little has changed since planning permission was refused before. Paul and Sonya Sanderson reported that there are now 6 passing places along Hall Ing where there were only 2, but if the road was deemed not strong enough before, it won't be strong enough now. The meeting was very concerned about the surrounding areas and the effect on people, roads, homes, safety and access. Added to this was the concern about the nature of the infill itself and the lack of supervision at the site. Councillors and Parish Councillors have also shown their concern about this matter. Robert Barraclough will bring up our points at the next meeting and a ward Councillor, Cllr Woodhead, has asked for it to be referred to committee. The meeting passed a resolution on taking a letter out to the village and people volunteered to do this.

EA and PL are to write a letter for villagers to sign and EA will write to planning services on behalf of TVA. If people wish to write letters on their own behalf this will be welcomed. The closing date for objections is 19th May.

4. Working Groups

a) Community Centre

KB reported that they would be having a meeting soon to pull all the strands together.

b) Our Community Our Environment

EA reported that she had spoken to Derek Hardcastle about a village Notice Board. She had also spoken to Andy Holt re the lamppost stump on The Green. It had been inspected and could still be connected, so will be tested by Kirklees Lighting Dept and disconnected and taken away. She had spoken to Gerry Denton re pavements and had arranged to meet on Mon 12th May to walk these pavements with any other interested people.

c) Highways and Transport

DJ said he was looking into the possibility of a walk around Thurstonland.

d) Social Events and Fundraising.

EL is going to the Gala meeting on 15th May to represent TVA. She has arranged a meeting with representatives from all village groups on Mon 19th May to look at how the different groups raise funds in the village.

5. Robert Barraclough told the meeting about grants and funding that can be applied for, ranging from small grants of £200 to £250 from Kirkburton PC to larger amounts from area committee. He left information for the file.
6. PL urged the Working Groups not to feel under pressure. She would like to see each area clearly defined and not overlapping.
7. All material for the next newsletter should be ready by 1st July to avoid last minute pressure.