

Thurstonland Village Association

Meeting held on Monday 1st December at Thurstonland Cricket Club

Present

Elaine Adler	Keith Barnes	Joyce Booth	Lee Booth	Tony Clifton
David Jones	Penny Lunn	Maureen Meddick	David Stubbs	

Councillors

Robert Barraclough	Keith Melbourne
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Apologies

Elaine Lockwood	Beryl Smith
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Minutes

DS proposed, KB seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted.

Matters arising

- The application for the notice board funding has been posted. DJ has the £200 from our anonymous donors.
- Andrew Cooper arranged for rubber strips to be installed on the village roads to survey numbers and average speed of vehicles using them. DS asked if Kirkburton PC would liaise with Les Bailey from Holme Valley North on such matters in future as a courtesy.
- DS was asked to contact Royston Rogers (HVN) on the matter of a grant towards producing the newsletters.

Reports

- LB said that the latest newsletter would probably cover 4 to 6 sides. A 2 sided newsletter costs c£13. TC kindly offered paper but we have to use yellow paper. Thank you anyway Tony! The next newsletter will be out in March – contributions welcome.
- Jo Martin (Head Teacher) is leaving at Easter. We wish her well.
- Two policewomen joined our meeting at this point. Kelly Gillespie and Sharon Mellor are two of the three officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team patrolling our village. (Sgt Richard Haigh had visited us on 6th Oct to outline the work done by the team in our area). The third member of their team is Bob Armitage, a community police officer who is our first contact. They are allocated three villages to patrol as often as possible between 8.00am and midnight. The boundary of our village in this instance is Brockholes Road. They outlined their aims and what we should be doing to make ourselves safer: beware of bogus callers, look out for the welfare of elderly neighbours, be a 'nosy' neighbour –(thieves hate them), don't leave presents or valuables in cars, don't leave packaging outside, use official car parks with CCTV.
- TC, our Neighbourhood Watch rep, said that sensor floodlights were no longer favoured. There is a new low energy bulb which has a sensor inside it. It comes on at dusk and goes off at dawn and is deemed more effective. He thanked LB for the web site facility for Neighbourhood Watch.
- TVA thanks TC for his regular input to our meetings and for keeping us up to date with what is happening in our area. Thanks too to KG and SM for their input and the leaflets, pens and bulbs that they brought to our meeting.

Treasurer

Janet Matthews is willing and enthusiastic to take on this post. KM is willing to look into appropriate funding for us.

Notice Board

We have received two estimates from Roebuck and Holmes regarding a village notice board.

- Basic in Idigbo hardwood £590 + VAT
- Oak notice board £705 + VAT
- The Licence is £280 + £10 renewal and installation approximately £100. RB reported that our application will go to committee on 4th December. KM said we need more funds to cover the added expenses. He will help us look into this matter.

Quarry Infill

EA reported that she had spoken to Glen Wakefield on this subject. The long awaited committee meeting will be held on Thurs 18th Dec at Hudds Town Hall from 1.00p.m. Notices will be posted in the area 7 days before the meeting and recommendations will be on line 5 days before the meeting. They do not notify individuals but the lead name on the petition will be told. The format is as follows; 18.12.08 a.m. site visit (members of public not allowed);p.m. there will be various items to debate so no specific time can be given for our slot. Interested parties can book a 3 minute slot to present their cases on the day. There is a facility for power point presentation but only the clerk is allowed to work their machine. Members from TVA to meet at KB's house on 8.12.08 to organise our presentation. RB will inform Farnley Tyas.

The Green

Our delight at the work already done was cut short when a bin lorry reversed onto The Green and churned up the grassed area. This matter is being looked into by Highways/Leisure.

Pavements

RB said he would stir up the question of pavements on Marsh Hall Lane and Town Moor again to see if he could move the problems further along the line.

Parish Review

DS and PL covered the HVN area of the village to ascertain peoples' views regarding the changing of council boundaries within the village. DS compiled a response which he has sent in for perusal.

Christmas Tree

MM said that this was basically organised for the Church Festival, but she needed to talk things through before the tree was placed in Church.

Hoe Down

EL said that at the moment prices for venues that she had visited remained the same, but she was not sure how long this would remain true. It was decided to leave this item until later in 2009.

AOB

RB told us that the seat in memory of Brian Webster would be installed at Farnley Moor End this week.

Next Meeting

Monday 5th Jan 2009 at Thurstonland Cricket Club at 8.00p.m.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Correspondence
5. Treasurer
6. Application for money from Holme Valley North
7. Review of 2008 and hopes for 2009
8. Quarry Infill Report
9. AOB