

Thurstonland Village Association

Meeting held on Monday, 3rd August at Thurstonland Cricket Club

Present

Keith Barnes Joyce Booth Ruth Bower Ray Bower Valda Dawson
Tony Clifton David Jones Penny Lunn Maureen Meddick David Stubbs
Robert Barraclough (Councillor, Kirkburton Parish Council)
Keith Melbourne (Kirklees Community Support Officer)

Apologies

Chris Dawson Elaine Lockwood

Minutes

Tony Clifton asked that the words "Bob Armitage, PCSO, was invited by Tony Clifton and reported on Neighbourhood Watch in the village," be inserted in the previous minutes at the start of item 2. This was agreed and acceptance of the minutes proposed by Joyce Booth, seconded by Maureen Meddick and duly signed.

Matters Arising

If there are any invited speakers or visitors, for example police, then they can address TVA meetings straight after "Apologies" to enable them to leave to leave early if they wish.

The minutes of the meeting on the 3rd June at David Stubbs' with the police will be put on file.

The police, when using speed guns, have to be highly visible – this is a requirement. They will be operating again this week. Re. timing of the speed tests – Chris & Valda will be consulted and update the police as to the best times.

The use of children in speed tests (as used in the successful trials at Emley) was discussed. They will not be used as Thurstonland School has turned down the proposal.

The cost of colour copying e.g. for the front page of the newsletter, is as yet unknown.

PL reminded those present of the aims and objectives of the TVA and the fact that it provides a link between organisations but in no way wishes to take on the activities of those organisations. We are unable to include Stocksmoor but have welcomed them to our meetings. Efforts to encourage them to form their own group have so far not met with success.

Re. fund raising, there are two categories – running costs e.g. hire of premises and possible future insurance (see later), copying, phone calls etc. Several members have spent considerable time & expenses and they should now claim for material costs. Thus a £500 balance was a sensible amount to have as a reserve. The other category is for various projects at hand – e.g. notice board, and other possible future developments - village hall, development of The Rec etc. (The table top sale provides funds for this category). We are not a money raising organisation as such.

KB proposed a yearly retrospective review of the state of the TVA in the monthly meeting before the AGM (in front of committee members). This was seconded by MM and accepted.

Correspondence

Notice board. Branch officers of the British Legion have been consulted and reported that the BL do not own the proposed site for the notice board but are happy to give permission for one to be erected next to the War Memorial.

Reports

Communications

DJ said that the results of the latest traffic censuses have not been yet been released. These can only be passed to councillors, and Andrew Cooper has not as yet passed them on due to annual leave.

Pride in the Village

MM reported that the BT had said their telephone kiosk should be cleaned regularly. It was still dirty and BT had not as yet been out to clean it after repeated requests. It had only been used for a "couple of calls" but it cannot be removed as it can still be used for free emergency calls in what is a quite remote area.

The only application for building in the village is for a house & garage adjacent to 74, The Village.

Troughs – the middle well has gravel in, but as yet, no liner. It will be filled with soil/peat and then planted when appropriate.

Trees on The Green have been cut back and nearby weeds sprayed but not yet cleared.

Ragwort & Himalayan Balsam. DJ said there had been an increase of ragwort on The Bank as well as the footpath being covered in weeds. He would report it to Highways together with the Himalayan Balsam growing near Lumb House and the entrance to Farnley School Wood.

Refurbished gates on The Rec – a letter of thanks will be sent to Kirklees.

Village Walk

DJ said the plans for the walk on Sunday, 13 September were well under way. Information leaflets with maps, route etc were nearly ready for printing and adverts would be placed locally as usual in the week before the walk.

Notice board

Various options regarding Roebuck & Holmes's were discussed before TC proposed that Idigbo be used as it is a hardwood that looks similar to oak if used in small area, is cheaper and is of a similar quality. Seconded by JB, this was accepted.

RB reported that Angela Royle (Parish Council) said permission was needed if the board was to be on Highways land. It wasn't, but permission was still required according to Joe Malik (Highways) as it is in a Conservation Area. RB would check that Kirkburton Parish Council would pay the professional & legal costs (reduced by 50% from £300 to £150) and speak to Angela Royle.

Transport

DS reported that at the meeting with the police the "Speed watch" facility was discussed. The police were not keen on training the TVA with speed guns. They will target "rush hour" traffic times of 7.30 – 8.30 am and 3.30 – 4.30 pm for the next speed gun tests but no precise dates were given.

Fund Raising

Table Top Sale – 04.10.09 at Stocksmoor– it was decided that there would be: 1. an entry fee of 20p; 2. the TVA would have a tombola stall; 3. there would be no raffle and 4. there would be a separate charge of 50p for tea, coffee & biscuits. It will be advertised in the Newsletter, Parish Magazine, Examiner and locally.

School Community Project

KM spoke about the Farnley Tyas School Integration project for people aged over 50. He needs a few volunteers who have links with FT to go into school, one hour a week for eight weeks, and work alongside pupils, sharing local knowledge, memories past & present etc. It was decided to mention this in the Parish Magazine & Newsletter.

Drainage

KB reported there would be a meeting re. drainage in September but any decisions should be about drainage as winter is approaching– trees would be discussed later. RB will make enquiries of John Fletcher (Ass. Head of Service, Parks & Open Spaces) as to how far plans have proceeded.

AOB

PL said that the newsletter would be on the agenda for September meeting – copy should be sent by email wherever possible as a Word attachment to DJ by 19th September and delivery date is 10th October. There would be adverts for ‘grubbing out’ and various school and Christmas activities.

PL discussed the need for “Events Insurance” – the TVA could need insurance to cover themselves in case of accidents at events such as galas, walks and village hall meetings. One quote received was for £150 a year which covered up to £1M in claims with a maximum of £250 per person. Other quotes could be obtained. It was felt that it would be sensible to be covered in the light of modern litigious practices.

TC reported that crime was on the increase both in Thurstonland– thefts of a Land Rover & trailer and a burglary – and in the local area -there had been some distraction burglaries. The good news is that it may be possible to access some funding - £2000 – for locks, door chains, sash jammers etc for over 65s in Thurstonland, Stocksmoor & thunder Bridge – “Settlement 107”. The NHW Report for July ’09 is on file.

Next Meeting

Monday, September 7th, 8.00 pm at the Cricket Club