



# THURSTONLAND Village Association

Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Thurstonland Cricket Club

## I.

## II. Those Present

- Penny Lunn
- Elaine Lockwood
- Elaine Adler
- Richard Lockwood
- David Stubbs
- Tony Clifton
- Keith Melbourne
- Terry Lyons (Councillor for Holme Valle North)
- Robert Barraclough
- David Jones
- Keith Barnes
- Elizabeth Scott
- Sally Rhodes
- Lee Booth

## III. Apologies From

- Joyce Booth
- Maureen Meddick
- Kath Dyson
- Jo Martin
- Anne Dowlen

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## IV. Matters Arising

### 1. Improving the look of the village :

- Bulbs, where do the villagers want them planting ?
- Hedge Trimming – twice a year really improves the look of the village
- Grass – selected areas well cut and then planted with bulbs, possibility ?

The overall look of the village and any improvements necessary should be considered.

### 2. There has been no progress regarding the Cricket Club, as the solicitor can't find the deeds. Elizabeth said she has spoken to Kirklees and the road belongs to Kirklees (Leisure & Recreation) who are responsible for maintenance of it and the walls (Person to contact is Sean Johnson).

Following the very heavy rain the gravel has moved down towards the Cricket Club making it very hazardous to walk on (and drive on).

3. Tony Clifton contacted Derek Hardcastle regarding the measuring of footpaths from the school to Blakehouse. Tony offered to do this job with the aid of Keith Barnes trundle wheel. Thank you Tony.
  4. A treasurer has been appointed to work on the interim committee, Sally Kilner.
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## **Meeting**

1. Terry Lyons (Holme Valley Councillor) was introduced and welcomed to the meeting. David Stubbs would like to see representatives from both Holme Valley / Kirkburton involved in the Thurstonland Village Association. Areas of concern such as roads ,footpaths ,walls affect the whole village and it would be beneficial to have councillors from both sections, so that incidents could be allocated to the relevant councillor.

### **2. Feasibility Study for Cricket Club Development**

Keith Barnes reported that there had been a meeting concerning this study. It was felt that we need to get a response from the village ie. Produce a survey which covers all age groups and potential interests. Funding could be more likely if the project is suited to all ages.

Terry Lyons told us Meltham Sports and Community Centre (Cricket Club Amalgamated with Bowling, Soccer and Rugby – received funding from National Lottery Grants).

Keith Barnes told of a similar project based on the tennis club. However, there is limited money in the lottery for buildings. We need evidence to support any application (suvery).

- Vote taken on whether the TVA happy for a survey to go out to residents, with a Yes vote being carried.

Where possible this will be distributed by email, otherwise by hand. Keith, Elizabeth and Sally will organise the survey and volunteers will deliver / collect as necessary.

3. It was felt that a Church Representative should be invited to join the TVA meetings to put forward needs of the Church. Keith Barnes is to speak to Brian Lightowler.
4. The next step Keith Melbourne said was to get hold of a lottery application to acquaint ourselves with the layout of questions we will need to answer.

Then contact a Kirklees Councillor, who will point us in the right direction (Terry Lyons).

Keith Melbourne has said that there is more money available for a General Grant rather than a Sports Grant. A small grant of £5,000 may be available for the feasibility study from Kirkburton / Holme Valley. The question of whether the TVA was in a position to apply was raised ,but as there is no constitution in place, this is not possible yet. However, the School and the Cricket Club could theoretically apply now.

The next appeal will be heard on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008 (Kirklees Area Committee).

**5. Discussion on the frequency of newsletters and meetings.**

- It was agreed that meetings will be held on the first Monday in the month, The Annual General Meeting to be held in April, will be open to the Public.
  - It was agreed that newsletters will be produced when there is either something to announce, or when there is a specific point to raise with the residents of the TVA. The Committee will endeavor to send out a newsletter before Easter along with the village survey.
6. David Jones distributed maps to show boundaries of Thurstonland, to determine where surveys, newsletters etc are to be delivered. TVA is to highlight problems, ie Holes in the roads, walls. David Jones will work with Keith Melbourne on this matter.
7. Tony Clifton thanked Lee Booth for putting Neighbourhood Watch on the website.
8. Meetings are proposed to finish no later than 10:00pm

**Meeting closed, next meeting to be held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 8:00pm at Thurstonland Cricket Club.**

**Constitution meeting set for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30 at The Rose & Crown.**