

**Thurstonland Village Association**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at the Rose & Crown.**

**Present:** Penny Lunn, Maureen Meddick, David Stubbs. Chris Dawson, Elaine Lockwood, Joyce Booth, Janet Matthews. Sally Rhodes.

**Apologies:** David Jones, Elaine Adler, Keith Barnes, Lee Booth, Valda Dawson, Parish Councillors.

**Minutes:** Only one person present from the last meeting therefore minutes remain unsigned.

**Matters** It was generally agreed that the AGM format was concise and worked

**Arising** well. Meeting the Councillors for Q&A's was much appreciated.

Good feed back regarding the Village Walk which was well attended.

Thank you to David Jones for all his hard work.

**Chair:** Extended a warm welcome to new member Sally Rhodes.

The brown bottle bank had been turned over and the waste bin broken.

Janet Wiltshire had reported, Kirklees put right.

Residents should look out for transit van T484 UGE (NHW/Farmwatch)

Rec gates removed by K'lees for repair and painting.

**Secretary** In support of the Parish Grant of £100 for 2009. £250 each following year:-

- 1 .Improvements to village appearance - Grubbing out to continue.
2. Climate change - Encourage bus usage.
3. Conservation/Wildlife - areas to consider Churchyard and Recreation Ground
4. Historical Items – Penny to pursue with J. Holmes.
5. Projects – Recreation Ground Gates, Drainage.

**Treasurer** Balance as at the AGM.

Donations received from:-

(a) Mr & Mrs Hallet £20.00

(b) Thurstonland Church in appreciation of the work carried out in the churchyard during 'Grubbing Out Week' £25.00

**Reports**

**a)Pride in Our Village (i)** Maureen reported Spring Grubbing Out Week as being another success and extended a big thank you to all who helped, encouraged and supported our efforts. Particular thanks were given to Richard Lockwood who had sawn down 'trees', carted away and burned trailer-loads of rubbish. Thank-you notices had been posted around the village. **(ii)** The Village Notice Board Documents required by Kirklees had been completed and sent to the relevant department. A third estimate was awaited.

**b) Highways and Transport (i)** Penny reported that an impromptu meeting had been held at the Rose and Crown for those from Storthes Hall and Thurstonland who were concerned about the new bus timetables. Robert Barraclough chaired the meeting. Those present were David Jones and Penny Lunn, TVA/ Councillors Cooper & Hardcastle/ Storthes Hall six and Thurstonland four. Huddersfield Bus Company Inspector Clinton Simpson also attended. It was agreed that the Councillors would write to Kirklees asking them to put pressure to allow a mid-term change of timetable. TVA (David Jones) to write to HBC, showing appreciation of the service while requesting that the 5.30pm should not leave early, that the 8pm be brought forward to 6.45pm, small buses should not be used for journeys at busy periods, that the Storthes Hall 'loop' be reinstated for four journeys in the day and that consideration should be given to a later bus from town on Sundays. (currently 7.30pm) **(ii)** Speeding David Stubbs had received 2 e-mails from John Leach (K'lees) observing that previous speed strips had been near the edge of the village. He suggested some nearer the middle and observed there had been no accidents in 20 years!! David had brought this up at HVN Area Committee. Clr Smith gave details of Highways meeting. David reported on a scheme in Cambridgeshire where village representatives were given speed 'trap' packs which they were to use in another village on a reciprocal basis, records then to be reported to the police for processing. It was remarked that traffic had been heavier, with more using the village as a 'rat run' since the road works in New Mill. Davids J&S with others to attend Kirburton Area C'tee 15<sup>th</sup> May at T'land School where Speeding in Thurstonland is on the Agenda.

**c) Fund Raising**

**Tombola:-** Sally to publicise in School flyer. David in Parish Mag. Elaine requested support for donation of goods.

**Table Top Sale:-**October suggested . Janet to check possible dates and book Village Hall, also to look into Public Liability. Elaine L. doubted if refreshments would be possible because of the space needed for Health and Safety reasons.

**Market Stall:- To be reconsidered for 2010**

**d) The Rec!!** In the absence of Keith Penny explained that a question had been raised by the School concerning a possible grant for draining and generally improving the Rec. As an accessible link between School and TVA, (being Vice Chair of both) it was agreed by Penny and Jo Martin that Keith should be asked to look into this. Before anything was done consternation was caused by the evident intention of Kirklees to immediately plant 200 trees down the side of the rec to aid drainage.A hasty meeting of TVA officers (Barnes, Lunn, Adler –Lockwood) Cricket Club, (Holloway, Halliday) School (Martin)and Kirklees (Bloom, Monroe) was convened on the rec. The trees are

to be held over for 12 months for reconsideration. Kirklees agreed to look into the cost which would be incurred if asked to do a 'proper job'. The reply had been £10,000 and that little more would be done with unlimited money. Matters of concern include cutting a path through from the School, the garden proposed by the school and adequate drainage for both Rec and cricket field.

**e) Development Quarry** Maureen pursuing latest development – concern as to exactly what has been signed. Will report at next meeting.

**AOB**

(i) Janet requested the verge on Town Moor be cut and bulbs planted down as far as the millenium stone.

(ii) Jenny Wohlman is compiling a calendar of events for 'all groups in the village' to avoid duplication of events dates.

(iii) Maureen will make a suitable contribution for the Village Scarecrow Trail'

**Date of next meeting Monday** 1<sup>st</sup> June