

Thurstonland Village Association
Meeting held on Monday 6th July at Thurstonland Cricket Club

Present

Elaine Adler	Keith Barnes	Richard Billington	Joyce Booth	Lee Booth
Chris Dawson	Valda Dawson	Tony Clifton	David Jones	Elaine Lockwood
Janet Matthews	Maureen Meddick	Sally Rhodes		

Councillor (and now Chair of Kirkburton Parish Council) Robert Barraclough
P.C.S.O. Bob Armitage

Apologies

Penny Lunn David Stubbs

Minutes were accepted and signed by acting chair Keith Barnes

Matters Arising. Table Top sale date has been changed from 3rd to 4th October (Sunday)

1. Richard Billington, the new landlord of the Rose and Crown, came to speak to the meeting. He told us that in his short time in the pub he had already trebled the turnover by providing a wide range of attractions; quiz evenings, bands barbecues and food served during the evening plus lunchtimes at the weekend. He had also raised £240 for the school. However he had been disappointed that many of the villagers of Thurstonland do not support the pub (especially when he had been led to believe that they wanted a pub in the village) and most business came from passing trade. He wanted to know why this was and what the people of Thurstonland want from their pub. There followed a discussion on these points. Summing up Robert Barraclough said that TVA had facilitated the meeting for Enterprise to meet the villagers, so that they could express their views on reinstating a pub in the village. He added that Richard had a viable business with the added bonus of the custom of The Golden Cock during its closure. Janet Matthews suggested that he publicised his fund raising events. David Jones said that people were gradually coming back, but it would take time following the two previous periods of closure, when people had made alternative arrangements e.g. drinking at home or visiting another pub. He added that Richard had made a good start and should build on it and also that the third village walk on Sunday 13th September would begin and end at the pub. KB thanked Richard for attending the meeting.

2. **Neighbourhood Police**

- a) Bob Armitage reported that in the periods 28th May to 6th July there had been no reported crime in Thurstonland. To maintain this status everyone should remain vigilant
- b) He reported that the use of speed guns in the village had produced 2 vehicles exceeding the speed limit down Town Moor (one was a local!)
- c) The PCSO's continue to go around the villages looking at problems and priorities. Tonight there is a meeting at Kirkburton Middle School looking at effectiveness of flashing lights near schools used when children arrive/leave.

3. **Chairman's Report** A message from the chair asked that any sub committee or project meeting should be run past chair or vice chair. A brief report should be done naming those present. Newsletter – Chair had left details of procedure and copy date for circulation to members. Copy dates – Sept 19th and Jan 23rd – Delivery dates Oct 10th and Feb 6th

4. **Secretary's Report**

- a) Notification of next area committee meeting on Wed 8th July when items would include speed cameras on Wakefield Road
- b) Parish Council Newsletter that announced that Robert Barraclough had been elected Chairman for this year. He was congratulated by the meeting. He will wear his chain of office to one of our events if so requested!
- c) Kirkburton Parish Council Annual Report 2008-2009 in file.

5. **Treasurer's Report** Current Balance £1035. SR questioned the TVA's need of the tombola money from the Gala, The Treasurer said that the notice board would cost at least £1000.
6. **Communications** DJ presented copies of the July Newsletter and explained that several items had had to be squeezed out to keep it to 4 sides of A\$. He said he had not had time to consult everyone about this and on this occasion the items submitted could have filled 6 sides and he felt a need to be flexible on the length of the newsletter. A discussion followed. EA and MM said they were disappointed that the thank you to the 'grubbers' had been squeezed out as we rely on people's goodwill and the least we can do is thank them for their hard work. JM said she would find out how much it would cost to produce a colour page for a newsletter e.g. Christmas. DJ read the report about the meeting at school regarding speeding. He has this copy.

Reports

Transport/Highways Apparently the 6.45p.m. bus from town is a 'ghost' bus – no evidence for it.

Pride in our Village MM gave an update on this section.

Planters; Nigel Hancock (Kirklees) said we were not on the re-planting schedule but he has rectified this and will do the job in the next week.

Troughs/Wells Kirklees will provide compost and, for one year only, bedding plants as well.

TVA to provide gravel and liner from £40 given by Sally Kilner. MM and EA to weed and clean troughs again.

Overhanging trees on The Green will be cut back as soon as possible.

Dead weeds under wall on The Village will be cleared

Telephone kiosk is in a filthy state. MM will make enquiries from BT as to its usage. WE need to find out if villagers want to see it kept or taken away.

Noticeboard KB had taken the three estimates and produced a spread sheet about potential cost. R Barraclough said we would not need planning permission but rather consent to advertise at £167.50 which the council would probably pay. JB said she had spoken to Mr Jacobs (British Legion) who would provide us with a letter to sanction the erection of a noticeboard in the proposed location. There followed a discussion on the merits of all three estimates including cost, material, durability etc. JB proposed and VD seconded that we accept Roebuck and Holmes estimate but look into the choice of material at a later date. The motion was carried (7 for).

Fundraising Elaine Lockwood outlined the history behind TVA doing the tombola at the Gala. She said that it had raised £275 this year. Although Penny had spoken to Kate (Chair of Gala committee) about possibility of paying the £10 fee for a stall this year so that TVA could have money to pay for the village noticeboard, Elaine felt that TVA should make a larger donation because many tombola prizes had come from parents of children at school. A lively discussion followed. She proposed that £75 be given to the Gala rather than the £10 agreed. EA proposed an amendment that TVA paid for the noticeboard and then gave a donation to the Gala (as agreed by Penny and the Gala committee). EL said she agreed with this sentiment but still proposed that £75 be donated to the Gala LB seconded this The motion was carried. The tabletop sale will now be on Sunday 4th October and Stocksmoor Village Hall will be available from 9.30a.m. JB offered to do the refreshments.

Rec. KB said that the latest news was in the newsletter. This will be discussed at the September meeting to include trees, garden, drainage etc.

Community Plan KB emphasised the importance of this plan that must be ready in case of any development in the village. It will probably take 18 months to complete

AOB KB drew attention to the newsletter tick list and zones.

Next meeting Monday 3rd August.

