

Thurstonland Village Association

Meeting held on Monday 6th October

Present

Elaine Adler	Julie Allsop	Joyce Booth	Keith Barnes	Lee Booth
Tony Clifton	David Cowan	Tim Difford	Penny Lunn	Maureen Meddick
Jo Martin	Marjorie Paterson	Lisa Royds	Sue Tor	
Sgt Richard Haigh	Neighbourhood Policing Team			

Apologies

Chris Dawson	David Jones	Sally Kilner	Elaine Lockwood
Councillor Robert Barraclough			

- As we had a special visitor, Richard Haigh from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, our meeting started with him. Sgt Haigh introduced himself and outlined the team's work in our area. He had brought marker pens (to mark property such as shed contents, electrical equipment etc.) and leaflets on Crime Prevention advice, Fraud Identity and contact details for our local N.P.T. There are also stickers to put on property, which used in conjunction with the marker pens, should deter potential burglars. TC will be our contact for marker pens and stickers.
- Sgt Haigh told us of a scheme that has been introduced to help protect our older/more vulnerable members, who once given a sticker to place on a front door indicating that visitors are in a "no calling zone" and if they wish to see the person they should contact a neighbour at a given address.
- JM asked if someone from the N.P.T. would come and talk to the children at school.
- PL thanked Sgt Haigh for his input to the meeting.

Minutes

Proposed JB seconded LB that they be accepted.

Matters Arising

- DJ is awaiting a response to the issue of the weight limit of the bridge at the bottom of Thurstonland Bank Road. (re Quarry)
- PL went to a meeting at Farnley Tyas where they were looking into connections with Preservation of Rural England. She asked KB if there would be an interest in TVA doing the same. The subject of their noticeboard is ongoing.
- PL and EA went to Roebuck and Holmes to see said noticeboard, which is made of oak and very impressive. RB suggested that we obtain a quote for one. (Maureen Barraclough is a good contact on this issue)
- There has been no progress over a joint village meeting with Keith Melbourne.
- Stocksmoor Village Hall have asked PL to sit on their committee.
- No news yet from Enterprise re pub.

Reports

PL thanked people for their input of time and money into the association.

Proposed Garden Development

- JM (Headteacher) and TD (parent), attended the meeting to talk about this topic. Jo emphasised the fact that the rec belonged to the people of Thurstonland and that this was a proposed plan not a fait accompli. She explained that the plan was the work of a school governor who is an architect, and that the money for it had been set aside from the scarecrow trail and the open gardens events. They have been keen to get villagers' views, but in spite of the plans being in the last TVA newsletter, there had been just one letter of response which was more about the play court than the garden. Could this be interpreted as people not minding? She envisaged the project being led by committed volunteers through school. Kirklees can see no reason why the council should not maintain the garden once it is established. TD said he would sort out the problem of the garden plan on the Internet.
- JB expressed concern about the waterlogged state of the rec and the cricket field. She said the drainage should be sorted out before work on the garden started. LB added that the road on the rec also needed attention as the excess water brings the gravel down and it regularly had to be swept back to avoid accidents. JB said she was willing to write to Kirklees on this matter.

- It was agreed to contact Kirklees about the drainage. EA will talk to Councillor Andrew Cooper for details of the person to contact. She will then inform JM and LB.

Working Parties

Social Events/Fund Raising Elaine Lockwood was unable to attend due to family illness. She sent her update in written form (see file). The gist of it was that the proposed Hoe Down fundraiser was a Gala Group event which had had to be postponed until the Spring when further meetings will be held with the different organisations in the village (to discuss it). She has booked a charity stall on 28th October at the second hand market in Huddersfield to raise funds for TVA and the Shelley High School India trip. Contributions of bric-a-brac will be welcome at the school house by Friday 24th October. Support on the day will also be welcome although EL says she is more than happy to run the stall herself.

Highways and Transport KB thanked Sally Kilner and David Jones for their work on the village walk which was deemed a great success. He also thanked JB, EA and PL for their work on the teas at the cricket club. DJ has asked about the draught around the bus shelter – apparently this can be remedied with a skirt! LR said that she has had the mirror at the bottom of the bank cleaned. She has the name and number of the contact for future reference.

Our Community, Our Environment

- Arrangements have been made for the ‘Grubbing Out’ week: signs have been pinned near the four designated areas. Flyers have been posted round the village. Geoff Thorpe (Kirklees) has promised that the overgrown areas down the left hand side of The Village and along Marsh Hall Lane up to the wall of the vicarage will be sprayed with animal friendly weed killer by the end of the week. Then two weeks later cleansing will send out a road sweeper to clear everything away. He seemed impressed that we are trying to help ourselves.
- Ramsey Bloom (Kirklees) says they are still awaiting funding and the go ahead from Housing to cut back the trees on The Green.
- Once ‘Grubbing Out’ week is over we can ring to have the bags collected (up to 15 at each location).
- Volunteers are needed to make the week a success.

Community Centre It has been agreed that a consultant be found to advise the group on the feasibility of this project. The next problem is where the money for this will come from.

Quarry The final day for the application of the environmental study is October 7th. Bearing this in mind the meeting is now likely to be in November.

A.O.B The Church has asked if TVA is willing to sponsor a Christmas Tree for the Christmas Tree Festival on the weekend of December 12th, 13th and 14th, in the sense of provide a tree and trim it to represent TVA. It was agreed to do this. The next Newsletter will go out by 12th December: material should go to Lee by 1st December. The Villagers present were asked if they knew of potential advertisers. TC said he would approach Doortique.

Next meeting 3rd November at Thurstonland CC at 8.00p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Correspondence
5. Officers Reports
6. Working Party Reports
7. Quarry Update
8. AOB

