

## Thurstonland Village Association

### Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August at TCC

#### Present

Elaine Adler	Julie Allsop	Philip Allsop	Keith Barnes	Joyce Booth
Lee Booth	David Cowan	Chris Dawson	Valda Dawson	Sally Kilner
Penny Lunn	Maureen Meddick	Brenda Mellor	Marjorie Paterson	David Stubbs
Robert Barraclough (Parish Councillor)				

#### Apologies

David Jones                      Elaine Lockwood

1. **The Minutes** were read and DS proposed and JB seconded that they be accepted.
2. **Matters Arising**. Quarry: PL reported that an ecological survey has been requested on the site. The earliest date for the hearing would be 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, otherwise it will be Sept. In the meanwhile we will need a meeting to decide who is going, what will be said, how the presentation will be organised i.e. PowerPoint. Everyone who wrote in will be invited to attend.
3. **Treasurer's Report** Our Account now stands at £118.50 plus donations for advertising in the newsletter (for which receipts have been requested). DJ was promised a £200 donation whilst delivering the newsletters, the donors wishing to remain anonymous. SK reported that she had got sponsors for the Wells that were cleared out. This means they can be planted up in the autumn to give a stunning display next Spring. SK is on the lookout for ways to fund our ventures.
4. **Communications Officer** In DJ's absence we discussed ways of communicating with villagers, councillors and neighbouring villages.
  - E-mail – the more people the better was the feeling
  - Put the minutes on the village web site, but this depended on people having access to the website
  - Contact the different local groups e.g. School, church, W.I.
  - Parish Magazine – MM will be responsible for an entry this month. She will also liaise with Barbara Lightowler about an insert into the Daily Examiner (Saturday)
  - PL and MM have made and put notices on lamp posts and bus shelter to advertise this meeting.
  - Village Walk – as the pub has closed a new start/finish venue is needed.
5. **Our Community, Our Environment** MM brought us up to date in this area.
  - The grubbing out undertaken by Kirklees has now finished. A day has yet to be decided for 'Grubbing Out Day' but we shall need volunteers
  - EA has received a form to complete regarding the Weeping Ash on The Green. She has filled it in and now we have to wait (possibly 8 weeks).
  - MM is intending to clean the Millenium Stone on Marsh Hall Lane.
  - KB offered to strim round the seat by the 'plonking well' on Haw Cliffe Lane so that it can be used again.
  - Regarding the matter of dogs running free round the village and the associated problem of dog mess on the pavements, RB will find us a contact number for the Dog Wardens. Those present were very concerned about the potential hazards of 2 dogs regularly running free around the village.
  - There have been a number of burglaries in and around the village in the last few weeks. EA has tried to contact Tony Clifton about a Neighbourhood Watch meeting with no success as yet.
6. **Community Centre** There were 2 meetings in July:-  
July 9<sup>th</sup> for stakeholders and interested parties (CC, School, Church, Pre school clubs, Councillors).

July 21<sup>st</sup> to look at a time line, working back from the finished building to initial feasibility study. Once more Keith Melbourne guided these meetings. By Sept/Oct there should be a feedback to the CC.

7. **Social Events/Fund Raising** The last meeting didn't take place as the pub (venue) closed quite abruptly. The group has been looking into possible venues for an Autumn Hoe Down. After discussion on this and questions of band/caller/food, DS proposed that this year we opt for Stocksmoor Village Hall to trial its popularity, feasibility etc then move on to somewhere bigger if the venture is successful.
8. **The Pub: Rose and Crown** The pub closed suddenly on Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July. Once more the village is in the position of not having a central meeting place, especially as there is no shop/post office. People expressed their views on this situation, ranging from people want a pub, but then don't support it, to all the intricacies about Enterprise Inns (who own it), and the possibility of a pub having multi-functions e.g. shop, post office, library. (Pub is the Hub movement). However the underlying question was What will TVA do? PL said we should act sooner rather than later, talk, ask questions, kick up a fuss if that's what people want. She has emailed Enterprise voicing her concerns. Kirklees wanted to know if the building had any historical interest. Camra sent her a package about saving the pub including advice to write to the owners. RB said people should be asking why do we want the pub open? To try to answer all questions and gauge village support it was proposed by CD seconded by PA that there should be a meeting with Enterprise. PA offered to approach them on our behalf.
9. **Newsletter Comments** In future it should be obvious which group has responsibility for projects e.g. Community Wildlife Garden. Dates should be given for events etc. Overall comments about the newsletter have been favourable.

**AOB** PL and KB attended a meeting run by Kirklees entitled Voluntary Action Kirklees. Anne Dowlen (Stocksmoor) attended too. Money is available in W.Yorks that can be bid for by area. Kirkburton and Denby Dale have already been recipients of this funding. PL and KB felt that their opinions were deemed useful in deciding how to spend the money so as benefit a wider community. VAK liked the idea of village meeting in groups (e.g. Thurstonland, Stocksmoor and Farnley Tyas) so as to relieve people such as Keith Melbourne (Kirklees Liaison) from attending so many meetings.

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## **Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008**

### **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Officers' Reports
5. Working Parties
  - a) Social Events – Hoe Down
  - b) Our Community, Our Environment - Grubbing Out Day
  - c) Highways - Roads/Walk
  - d) Centre
6. Quarry statement
7. Pub statement
8. AOB report in Parish News