

## **THURSTONLAND VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

### **Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

#### **Present**

Elaine Adler                      Keith Barnes                      Joyce Booth                      Chris Dawson    Ann Dowlen  
David Jones                      Elaine Lockwood                      Penny Lunn                      Maureen Meddick                      David Stubbs  
Councillor Andrew Cooper

#### **Apologies**

Robert Barraclough                      Lee Booth                      Tony Clifton                      Kath Dyson                      Sally Kilner  
Councillor Beryl Smith

#### **Minutes**

EL proposed MM seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted

#### **Matters Arising**

- The marker pens and stickers will be distributed as soon as TC receives the new style stickers.
- DJ will contact the people who have offered a £200 donation to check if they are happy that this is used towards the cost of the notice board.
- DS will find out about the cost of the notice board in Brockholes.
- EA will ask for two written estimates from Roebuck and Holmes and will then write to Kirkburton PC requesting a grant towards a notice board similar to the one in Farnley Tyas. At the same time Kirkburton PC will be asked to apply for permission for advertising on the notice board.
- We will have to apply for planning permission for the erection of the notice board at a later date and Angela Royle will help us with this.
- Tom Ghee (Kirklees Drainage) was contacted on the matter of the drainage on the rec. and cricket field. He came to look at the problem and said he would ask Leisure Services if they would provide funds to trace a culvert which might be contributing to the waterlogged conditions in these areas.
- A big thank you was given to all the volunteers who turned out to make 'Grubbing Out' week such a success. (Report Later)
- KB said there were a number of organisations aiming to preserve Rural England and should we consider joining one of them. AD (Stockmoor Village Hall) said they had belonged to Rural Action Yorkshire for many years.

#### **Chairpersons Report**

1. PL reported that Sally Kilner had resigned as treasurer due to pressure of work. SK will give her support to the new treasurer when we find one. We do need a treasurer and we do need a working balance of about £500. KB said he would approach one of his neighbours and PL said she would approach Janet Matthews who has many years' experience working at the school. At present the balance is £126.51 but PL said we need to pay our own way and stop living off the generosity of our members to give us a more realistic view of actual expenditure. KB would like to see the newsletter pay for itself by widening our net for instance to find advertisers. CD said that the church magazine costs £71 per month and by making a charge of £4.50 annually and obtaining advertisers it pays for itself. DS is keen to apply to Holme Valley North PC for a grant. PL wants the TVA to pay a nominal amount to the Cricket Club for our monthly meetings. DS suggested we start at £5 and build up as funds allow. This was accepted by the meeting.
2. PL has been looking at the constitution re working parties. She thinks we should take a look at how they are working after a 6-month period. In the future she suggests we look at projects that need tackling, together, and then work with at least 2/3 others on one project at a time bringing in people from outside the committee wherever possible.

#### **Working Groups**

**Social Events** EL reported that the profit from the charity stall in the market was £92 with £46 to TVA and £46 to the world challenge project. Although she enjoyed the experience and would be willing to do another in the spring she said there would need to be a greater response by way of items donated than for this one. She thanked everyone who gave their support this time. PL thanked her for her efforts. EL agreed that the working groups needed viewing from a different angle as she had found going alone in this group a difficult task. She said that early in 2009 we should approach other village fundraising groups with a view to running a hoe down.

**Highways and Transport** DJ reported that the bridge at the bottom of Thurstonland Bank has a weight capacity of 40 tons (information needed for the presentation for the quarry infill). There followed a discussion on types of vehicles using the roads through the village, speed and calming methods. AC said that rubber strips could be installed to show average speed. Through the Parish Council he can arrange a census of traffic within the village area. There is a budget of £1m over a 3-year period to implement calming measures. (Farnley Tyas has already benefitted from this scheme)

#### **Our Community, Our Environment**

- As mentioned in matters arising grubbing out week was a great success, with approximately 30 people turning out to help during the week. The area round the wells and The Green look much tidier and well cared

for. Geoff Thorpe has been contacted several times to arrange clearance of the sprayed weeds. He has passed this on to cleansing.

- Sandy Munro (Kirklees) visited Thurstonland after our grubbing out week and was so pleased and impressed with our efforts to meet the council 'half way', that he has promised: Planters, daffodils to be planted in the beds on The Green, to tidy up the area behind the post box, to repair and paint the gates into the rec. all within the next year. It seems that our hard work has had its rewards.
- MM explained her original and inventive idea for the TVA Christmas tree for the festival at the church. She will need help nearer the time.
- Information about drains has been passed on to Jo Martin (School) and Lee Booth (Cricket Club).
- Cutting back trees on the Green has been passed on to Housing for funding.

Community Centre KB reported that they were looking for a consultant to carry out a feasibility study for this project. There followed a lively discussion; the gist of which was that everyone needs to look to the future in terms of existing buildings such as the church and the school whose functions may change in the next ten years. Can the village support three community buildings? In the meanwhile the problems encountered by the cricket club are in the present and their pavilion is in dire need of immediate attention.

### Quarry

The ecological study has been received. The earliest possible meeting now is December.

### AOB

- Stocksmoor WI is selling a calendar (£5.99) to support Kirkwood Hospice and Group B Strep Support.
- There will be a Newsletter meeting on Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30 at PL's.
- The next area committee meeting will be at Shelley Village Hall on 14/01/09
- DS told us about the Parish Survey which needs to be completed and returned by 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. In particular he pointed out that Kirklees might consider changing Parish Boundaries and as ours is split it would be worthwhile discovering peoples views on this subject. He and PL will go and speak to people in Holme Valley North.
- PL asked for items to be included in AOB to be submitted 10 days before a meeting.

### **Next Meeting Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at Thurstonland Cricket Club**

#### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes
3. Matters Arising
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
6. AOB