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**Minutes March 1st 2022 – St Nicholas Church**

**Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Fiona Heppleston, Iain Blair, Wilfred Day, Steph Pilling, Kath Riley, Ken Slaughter, Margaret Ashworth, Natalie Ashworth**

1. Apologies
Jo Blair, Michael Ormerod, Sue Holt, Janet Meleleu, Ann Mulderrig, Patrick Marriot, Anna McEvitt,
2. Food Box:
2.1 NVCA have committed to support the Food Box in Newchurch. A link to Rossendale Food Box scheme has been included on the web site indicating the support. Positive Start & RAFT provide majority of items but NVCA can step up if support from these Organisations reduces. Contributions to Box welcome – but no glass or perishables please.
2.2 Natalie has offered to store sanitary & hygiene products and keep Box topped up regularly with these items.
3. Defibrillators:
3.1 St Peter’s School have approached NVCA to support maintenance of their Defib. The School has applied for grant to move their defib outside of the School building and it will be available to the Community. NVCA trustees have agreed to support up to 50% of ongoing maintenance costs (approximately £125 per 2 years).
**ACTION: Dan to check if lottery funding can help support defib costs**
3.2 The Staghills Play Area defib is still not connected! Dawn Taylor has agreed to follow this up with relevant authorities if current efforts are unsuccessful.
3.3 Defib training will take place at St. Nicholas’ on 12th March. Voluntary donations will be requested (recommendation of at least £2). (Dan has posted Event on Facebook).
4. Library:
Janet & Bryan have removed books and thrown away those damaged by beans and water! The Library structure will be checked for leaks before books returned. Hopefully the Library will be able to hold books again by Easter.
5. Event – Week beginning 27th March
Bolton Woods path clearance – please volunteer to help clear this season’s leaf litter
6. Mission Statement
Dan will circulate the statement before final agreement. It needs a link to the articles of association.
7. Parking and Speeding

Lorraine Ashworth has asked NVCA to re-visit these issues
7.1 Various suggestions proposed regarding parking issues associated with St. Peter’s School including requesting that double yellow lines be put on one side of Newchurch Road and Traffic Wardens asked to observe and challenge parents. Natalie suggested raising at the regular Police Community Forum.
**ACTION: Steph to make contact with Traffic Wardens**
Ken highlighted that due to poorly parked cars impacting on access for bin lorry, bins have not always been collected from those houses on Newchurch Road with access onto St. Peter’s Road.
**ACTION: Kath contacting Keith Jenkins (RBC)**

7.2 Requests for a speed camera have previously been refused due to insufficient direct line of sight for cameras on our section of Newchurch Road. Dan suggested that members upload examples of speeding that they see and upload video on the ‘In The Know’ website
<https://www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/in-the-know.aspx>

1. Any other business
	1. Kath Riley was thanked for her contribution as events coordinator for the last few months
	2. Natalie agreed to circulate a date for Social Committee to meet.

8.2 Natalie suggested Easter Egg Hunt Event be organised
8.3 It was suggested that NVCA focus on Jubilee Event and Christmas Fair this year and leave next Kirk Fair to 2023
8.4 It was suggested that one raffle event be focused on this year with draw near Christmas. Tickets can start to be sold after the raffle license has arrived. Raffle prizes not yet agreed.
8.5 Request that ‘industrial’ Christmas Tree lights be purchased. Issue is that lights need to be battery operated.

**ACTION: Len to check what’s available**