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****NVCA Meeting Minutes** 6th August 2019 Newchurch Methodist**

Present: Simone Cudworth, Nicki Frankel-Caine , Natalie Ashworth, Cath Riley, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Janet Meleleu, Larry Doolin, Revd. Penny Warner, Steve Jones, Ken Slaughter, Julia Barrow, Paddy Marriot

A welcome to 2 new members:

Margaret Leake

Anne Mulderrig

Special welcome to County Councillor David Foxcroft

**1. Apologies**

Linda Bolton, Jo & Iain Blair, Ron & Shirley Suthers, Mike & Fiona Heppleston, Peter Fell

**2. Previous Minutes**

8.1 Community Garden benches have arrived – now waiting for Council to install in Garden. STOP PRESS the benches have been delivered and installed.

6 The appeal against the CAST application has received initial rejection – Crystal/Hurstwood Group have lodged a further appeal

**3. Traffic calming measures**

Members were invited to propose ideas for traffic calming measures.

David is currently looking at requirements for equipment being trialed in Stacksteads, to check if the same equipment would work in Newchurch. Locations of cameras were discussed to ensure vehicles speeding on the straight would be captured and also to ensure both sides of Newchurch Road would be covered by any measures.

Community Speed Concern signs were mentioned along with Speed Indicator Signs and the prospect of the Police training local volunteers to monitor and record those drivers exceeding the speed limit.

Concern was expressed regarding the increasing number of accidents in the Village. David encouraged members to report any accidents (even a small bump). Information is fed through Police and County Council so traffic calming measures are better informed.

ALL: Report any accidents to 101

Issues of congestion and double parking around school drop off/collection times (particularly near St. Peter’s Road and Hillside Close) were raised.

The location of the St. Peter’s School Crossing was raised. Historically the Crossing was further up Newchurch Road (towards The Boar’s Head), so drivers of vehicles coming from Rawtenstall direction had more time to adjust their speed before the Crossing. Currently the Crossing is at the end of St. Peter’s Road, immediately at the top of the hill.

Natalie asked David if he could request that PCSOs be present occasionally around the time of School drop off/collection to observe potential risks.

**4. Newchurch Kirk Fair 2020**

Provisional date of 16th May has been identified. St. Nicholas’ is able to be involved on this date. Water Band is available.

Recommendation from 2019 Fair include:

* More children’s games and some refreshment near community garden. Discussed that we could use grassed area near to community garden, cordoning off area to reduce risk. Larry suggested the Rec in Higher Cloughfold (agreed that this was too far from village and other events).
* Activities near community garden to be held between 11 and 3
* More signage – outlining what events are on and where – and better signage to St. Peter’s Hall!
* Sell table space as last year, but ask that exhibitors bring own tables – and elect a Table Coordinator
* Invite ‘The Boo’ and Coconutters

ACTION: Danny to check proposed date is ok with Boar’s Head

ACTION: Natalie to chase up responses from St. Peter’s and Newchurch Methodist. To also alert Newchurch C. of E., St. Peter’s Schools and Staghills Nursery (can they get involved and provide bunting again).

ACTION: David kindly offered to check who owns stretch of grass next to community garden so we can request if we can use the area for games.

**5. Further social events**

The (excellent) Social Committee has also been considering additional events:

* Fashion Show at Methodist Church
* NVCA Murder Mystery at St. Nicholas’
* Race Night at St. Peter’s
* Possible Bonfire Event – agreed our normal public liability won’t cover this but Larry to check
* BBQ

ACTION: Committee members to contact if churches would be prepared to get involved

ACTION: Penny to check with PCC re a murder mystery!

**6. Raffle Tickets**

We have 500 tickets to sell before December. Date of draw is 1st December 2019.

ACTION: ALL – sell as many tickets as you can and any unsold tickets to be returned to Natalie by 25/11/2019

**7. 2019 Nativity**

Will be discussed at next Social Committee. There was discussion about whether it should be based in Church or travel along Church Street (given uncertain weather conditions). Agreed that decision regarding venue needed to be decided early and potential changes advertised via social media.

ACTION: Committee to check dates of schools carol services to make sure there is no clash

ACTION: Penny to check St. Nicholas’ diary

8. **Annual General Meeting**

Iain has alerted us that we need to hold the AGM prior to October to meet the requirements for establishing as a limited company. Normal agenda items will be suspended; the Association’s accounts will be reviewed and officers elected.

ACTION: Date and venue to be confirmed.

9. **Any Other Business**

 9.1 Ken highlighted concerns with regard to roadworks across Rossendale and the impact on journey times. David outlined that much of the current work is being done in school holidays to minimise impact and explained that the work on Bacup Road is to support future infrastructure developments across Rossendale. Ken also raised concerns regarding lack of infrastructure development around the new housing developments planned for the Valley.

9.2 Next NVCA meeting will be held in October, venue to be confirmed.