
MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting 6th July 2016

Present:- Quentin Mackenzie, Liliias McCulloch, Tony Joint, Sue Rix, Dale Smith.

Apologies:- Roger Livesey, Glyn Martill, Alan Elsegood, Chris Hartley, Philip Moor, Dave Manson, John Houlihan.

Minutes:- The minutes of the meeting on 6th April, which had been circulated, were accepted as a correct record.

Matters Arising:- Airport Noise... Liliias still not happy.

Treasurer:- The Chairman reported that Glyn had written and apologised for non-attendance at meetings and has offered to resign as Treasurer at the next AGM. It was agreed this was not necessary and it was hoped that Glyn would continue as Treasurer. Dale suggested that perhaps the role of Treasurer for various voluntary organisations in the village could be carried out, in absentia, by a professional accountant in exchange for an honorarium. There would be practical difficulties with this, but it was left for further thought.

Change of bank to Yorkshire Bank and update of signatories still to take place.

Queen's 90th Birthday:- Cllr Dale Smith and the 1st Menston Beavers planted a Lime Tree in Menston Park near the tennis courts/ Leathly Avenue. A plaque commemorating this is now in place and the tree is growing well.

72 tickets were sold for the dance at Kirklands on 11th June organised by this committee. It was a great evening and involved the local band 'Timewarp', the Village Bakery and the Cricket Club. There was a small loss of £55.25 on the event which will be covered by the Parish Council.

Notice Boards continue to work well. Ideally we need a Notice Board at the Burley Lane/ Main Street junction. Dale to ask Human at the Newsagent if we can site one where the MAG barometer was.

Eggs2iPad Lessons:- Tony read Roger's Email to the meeting... For health reasons Roger no longer feels able to lead projects. The lessons have been much appreciated by those who have attended, but sometimes there are more children than adults and vice versa. Perhaps a questionnaire to those who have attended would be useful and if further sessions are planned restricting them to 10 before Christmas and 10 after.

Tony said that he will be leaving Menston to live nearer to his Grandchildren sometime next year.

Film Shows:- Tony reported that, following a meeting at the Chapel, it had been decided to hold a pilot film show in the Chapel hall on 21st October. Tony was still seeking the necessary permit to project 'Lady In The Van'. Tony's financial projections looked good at £4 a ticket and it was agreed that the event should be timed to finish at about 9.00pm. Five volunteers will be required to run the event including providing teas and scones (Village Bakery to be asked about scones).

Menston in Bloom:- The official unveiling of a picnic table in Butterfield Park by Doreen Butterfield went well. Mrs Butterfield has donated the table in memory of her husband Bill. Bill's father, Clifford

Butterfield gifted Butterfield Park and Menston Park and Menston Hall to the people of Menston in 1955.

Manor Coatings have agreed to donate paint for the railings at Butterfield Park. Alan Elsegood and Quentin are to conduct trials as to how this might be applied.

The annual Strawberry Tea & Plant Sale raised just under £1,000 showing tremendous support from the village—thank you very much.

Menston Scouts helped clear the Grady Bed on the left of the main entrance to the Park on Main Street.

Menston Show will be held on Saturday 10th September.

Friends of High Royds Memorial Garden will be holding a service in the High Royds Cemetery Chapel on Sunday 11th September.

Battle of the Somme:- A wonderful service was held at St John's to commemorate 100 years since the start of the Somme.

Parish Council:- CCTV has been installed at the back of Kirklands following complaints about disturbances. BMDC have been working on maintaining Kirklands.

A grant of £500 has been made to the CAMEO Lunch Group.

No major planning items... A date for the Judicial Review (due next week) is still awaited.

Menston Newsletter: The Autumn edition will be published in September with a copy deadline of 31st August... Thank you Alison Manson. Quentin to ask Alison about possible advertising.

Menston Forum and AGM: - The next Forum will be on 11th October 2016. This will also be the MCA (our) AGM. Quentin said that in view of his recent health problems he would be resigning as Chairman at the AGM. Also, as mentioned above, Tony will be leaving Menston next year so we need urgently to recruit new committee members. Tony and Quentin to draft a recruitment notice for consideration by the Committee.

Benches:- Tony said that he had participated in a number of walks with "Strolling for Health" and it had been suggested that it would be good to have a few more benches to enable the elderly to rest whilst taking walks. Two possible sites were suggested, one on Bleach Mill Lane and one on the footpaths in High Royds. Quentin reported that Simon Richmond (who owns Bleach Mill) was not keen on a bench on Bleach Mill Lane as all the possible places for it are access points or passing places... Also, there are benches in Butterfield Park at the top end and Simon and Sue serve Teas at Bleach Mill. Dale undertook to look into this further. High Royds paths are owned by the High Royds Developer and are part of Leeds MDC not BMDC.

Any Other Business:- Sue said the 'light up the village for Christmas' campaign last year was a success and Nigel Cawthorn has suggested a similar 'make Menston bloom' project for the summer... It was agreed that this was too late for this year and Quentin said, from his experience with garden competitions for Menston in Bloom, these sort of things are very difficult to organise and judge. Sue to go back to Nigel and see if he wants to organise it.

Date of next Meeting:- 11th October 2016. Menston Forum and MCA AGM.