

MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Present:- Quentin Mackenzie, Lili McCulloch, Tony Joint, Chris Hartley, Sue Rix, Dale Smith, Alan Elsgood, Jim Drake, Philip Moor, Lorelai Fox.

Apologies:- Roger Livesey, Glyn Martill, Dave Manson, John Houlihan.

Minutes:- The minutes of the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November, which had been circulated, were accepted as a correct record.

Matters Arising:- Airport Noise...Alan is now receiving a monthly report from the airport. Yorkshire Water representatives have met with Bradford Council and the Shipley Area Co-ordinator—no feedback yet.

Christmas lights—everyone liked them. Sue's campaign to light up frontages was successful with lessons learned to make next year even better.

Treasurer:- Grant application has been made to the Parish Council to pay for Public Liability Insurance £265.90. This covers persons working on Menston in Bloom projects etc, but not individuals working on their own initiative.

Signatories to be changed.

Notice Boards are working well—the more news the better. Thank you Sue and Tony. Sue to meet Roger to discuss possible further advertising. A decision needs to be made about what should go on the Notice boards at the Station and in the Library... Perhaps copies of the map on the main notice board?

Eggs2iPad Lessons:- On 21<sup>st</sup> January Certificates were presented to the 'teachers' (mainly Explorer Scouts) who had helped with the project. This was a well-attended ceremony at which Roger also thanked the sponsors Lloyds Bank Community Fund, Olicana Lodge Fixit Computers and the Menstone Club. Good publicity has followed and the weekly training sessions will resume on 10<sup>th</sup> March at the Menstone Club between 5 and 6 pm. Thank you Roger and Tony for organising this.

Film Shows:- Tony to circulate information about costs and suggested films suitable in the Chapel Rooms.

Menston in Bloom:-Following Parks Department cuts MiB's policy is to 'reduce, simplify and smarten'. St John's Scouts helped plant 2,000 daffodils in the park and in the gyratory where we also planted bluebells.

A picnic table will be installed in Butterfield Park, donated by Doreen Butterfield in memory of her husband Bill.

Parish Council:-The next PC meeting is tomorrow (28<sup>th</sup>). Items to be discussed are: Kirklands Toilet, Maintenance of Kirklands and the Library... All of which it was agreed are very important to the village.

To mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, consideration is being given to presenting a special coin to the school children. Also, it was agreed that MCA could organise a dance at Kirklands on 11<sup>th</sup> June if it was endorsed by the Parish Council.

Flooding Issues: The Chairman reported that following the Boxing Day flood he had received copies of papers from Dale Smith,, Steve Ellams and Philip Moore which were principally addressed to Bradford Council. The main concern was that Menston is categorised as 'Zone 1' (ie low flood risk) but this does not take into account overland flow of water and ground water emergence. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should write a letter to Bradford Council (Kirstin England endorsing these concerns particularly in regard to new building development. A request was made for any photo's or film of the flooding to be passed to Steve Ellams or John Naylor.

Menston Newsletter: The Spring edition will be published in February (thank you Alison Manson). This will go out under the MCA banner, funded by the Parish Council. Deadline for copy is 31<sup>st</sup> January. Distribution will be by the usual volunteers—thank you very much.

Chris tabled a village newsletter entitled 'The Squeaker'. It was full of advertising and it was agreed it was not something we could do in Menston.

Menston Forum 8<sup>th</sup> March: Agenda items to include:

Review of progress (or not) on proposed developments in Menston and Library .

Any Other Business:- A proposal had been received to join with Ilkley to purchase Christmas trees... Not necessary as our small requirement can be purchased locally.

Date of next Meeting:- 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016.