

MENSTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meeting 22nd May 2018 at Chapel Rooms

Present: Steve Ellams, Chris Hartley, Philip Moore, Joyce Bishop, John Lee, Johnathan Gadd, John Naylor, Quentin Mackenzie.

Apologies: Dale Smith, Jackie Whiteley, Gerry Barker, Cath Tully, David Rhodes, Alan Elsegood, Glyn Martill, Duncan Watson and Liliias McCulloch who is not well—best wishes sent.

Minutes of the meeting 23rd January were accepted as a true record.

Correspondence: all covered elsewhere.

Finances: Glyn's written report shows a balance in hand of £875.79 after a Receipt of £1,641.70 grant from the Co-op and payments of £445.63 for bat boxes, £142.14 for Room Bookings, £128.74 for food for School Event, £330 for Liability Insurance and a transfer £1,000 to Menston in Bloom (their share of the Co-op grant). The Liability Insurance covers potential risks at events such as the School Event and also Menston in Bloom activities. Craig, the Manager at the Co-op has been most helpful and is offering discounts on biscuits etc for community events.

Butterfield Park Railings: Steve said he had applied to the Co-op for a grant towards the cost of painting the railings at Butterfield Park (opposite the entrance to Bleach Mill Lane). Subsequent to this, Mark Butterfield (the grandson of the donor of the park) had confirmed that he and his brother would like to make a contribution towards the cost of painting the railings. Quentin has obtained one very reasonable quote for this work, other tradesmen have not come back. This also to be discussed at Parish Council meeting next week.

Parish Council: Dale has summarised the two recent contentious planning issues in an email dated 19th May. The first is The Sidings, Burley Lane where the developers are hoping to start work late May. They are aware of the pre-commencement planning conditions. The second is 89 Main Street, where the developers are looking for acceptance of amended plans. These will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting next week... There are strong objections from the residents of Croft Rise. Ground water problems re Derry Hill/Moor Lane developments are still an issue.

Kirklands: Kirklands (Menston) Trust has been formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and has taken over the running of Kirklands from 1st April. Heather Norreys has been appointed Centre Manager and an Open Evening was held on 26th April. The Trust's mission is "to provide a high quality and affordable focal point for village activities which is available and accessible to all residents of Menston Village". MCA has nominated Duncan Watson as a Trustee and there are four possible vacancies still to be filled. Steve said he knew of two possible candidates. Immediate priorities are to get the building water tight. Long term the aim is that the building should be self-sustaining. Steve suggested that Ride Away Taxis might pay to have a base at the back of Kirklands.

Menston in Bloom: Everyone is invited to the Annual Strawberry Tea and Plant Sale on 2nd June at 23 Park Road, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Come along and get your summer bedding. Chris suggested that we might consider having a bed in the gyratory which said "Welcome to Menston".

Community News: The next edition will be out mid-June and will be mainly devoted to promoting Kirklands. The plan is to have three editions per annum in future and Steve is to ask Menston Business Association if they will contribute in return for having their publicity material included.

Bird & bat Boxes: The event at the School went very well and a route between High Royds Memorial Garden and Butterfield Park is being planned for the siting of the boxes. A video is being made.

AOB: Outline plans for the demolition of The Hare & Hounds and the building of an 'old folks home' had been circulated throughout Menston. It was agreed in principle that this was what was needed in Menston and presumably the 60 or so apartments would go towards the housing allocation from Bradford.

Date of next meeting to be arranged.