

Friends of Langley Moor

Thursday 11 September 2014 @ 7pm

in Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council Offices

Present: Danny Bone, David Watson, Jacqui Bell, C Wilson, David Rogers, Phil Rogers, Tom Akins, Sylvia Akins, Cllr Paul Taylor, Paul Williams, Cllr John Turnbull, M E Watson, Pam Sinclair

Item	Comments	Action
1	Apologies: Janet Pickett, Mark Richardson, Susan Carmedy	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting: Agreed Matters Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Network Rail – DB wrote again requesting more realistic time frame for work - informed a programme of works will be drawn up for next 5 years.• Land at Tescos –bushes had been cut down, still progressing bins and footpaths• Salvation Army (NB name should read “Lorna”) – DB to approach re SA band for Christmas tree light switch on also Charlie Griffiths re young band with pa system.• Mayor and Mayoress (or Deputy if unavailable) will attend switch on. PT will help with associated documentation required. Agreed this would attract good PR.• School Crossing Patrol – only 1 comment this academic term.• Logos – PS to check re permission to use DCC logo and forward to DB. DB to check with Susan Carmedy re Parish logo.• S106 money – PT informed group this money is allocated to either open space (eg play areas) or art projects. He stated there was £104,000 Play/Open space and £66,000 Art - this means a significant amount of money is available for play in Holliday Park. JB asked if some of the money could be used to provide a scheme on the gap site beside her premises. JT pointed out that it was a public right of way and could not be fenced off also space very limited. JB suggested a couple of planters/seating would improve the area. DB to ask Julie Anson for the price of the seats and planters.• Floral bed, Grove Terrace - DB suggested look at further projects after this scheme is implemented. Time slot for this scheme – before Christmas if possible.	DB DB/PT DB/PS/SC DB All
3	Financial Update: Current balance: £718.12p	
4	Action Plan: 1 Publicise group and attract new members: DB continues to put out notices	

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	<p>Web site - No progress Yearly newsletter - Need to contact Janet and Abir. Info needed for next edition - Langley Moor School and St Patricks Choir and Salvation Army Band for "switch on".</p> <p>2. Assist in the improvement/usage of Holliday Park:</p> <p>Discussion took place on the riverside pathway which was overgrown. It was agreed that the drainage was better. Suggested Nick Jones be invited to meeting to discuss progress.</p> <p>3. Appearance of High Street:</p> <p>Shrubs have been cut down at Tescos, bins moved, stump still needs removing.</p> <p>Lord Boyne – PT explained the "blight" application had been turned down and so needed to explore other avenues – will discuss with enforcement office. It was stated some painting had commenced that day so may improve.</p> <p>Group to look at other projects (artwork) once this scheme is complete. Focus is early 2015.</p> <p>Group members to continue to attend regular PACT and AAP meetings and feed back to wider group.</p> <p>4 Raise funds to enable group to achieve goals:</p> <p>DB to contact businesses Look at funding streams – Durham Voice</p> <p>Secure funding for Christmas tree (AAP small grant needs application form submitting)</p> <p>5. Christmas tree/lights event:</p> <p>Event planned for 30 November – 4.30 start with switch on at 5pm 2 school choirs/ bands/ Mayor & Mayoress sorted. Need better pa system – DB to talk to Charlie Griffiths. Could hire pa system but would not know how to use equipment. JB stated if event was on a Monday she could do the pa but as she worked on Sundays she could not attend. DB pointed out event was on Sunday as last 2 events have been very well attended.</p>	<p>DB/JP/AVH</p> <p>DB</p> <p>PT</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>DB</p> <p>JP/DB</p> <p>DB</p>
5	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Discussion on bins back of the café and litter in the back street. Syringes and rats had been seen amongst rubbish. It was pointed out that the litter picker doesn't do the back street and PT stated that with financial constraints there were fewer staff. JT stated that many businesses fly tip in the area and this pulled staff out of</p>	

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	<p>the area to deal with these incidences. PT asked the group to take photos of incidences and report back.</p> <p>Yellow lines at Discount Plus are not legal – if anyone encounters any verbal abuse from owner they should report to the Police.</p> <p>PT to check with Planning re signs at the pub to check if they have permission.</p> <p>DB asked if anyone would be willing to take notes in JP’s absence in future – no volunteers.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>PT</p>
6	<p>Date/time of next meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 9 October – 7pm</p>	