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# Newchurch Village Community Association

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## Minutes Aug 24th 2022 – St Nicholas Church

Danny Allen, Fiona Heppleston, Wilfred Day, Ken Slaughter, Michael Ormerod, Linda Bolton, Janet Meleleu, Iain Blair, Julia Barrow, Kath Riley, Larry Doolin

1. Apologies : Patrick Marriott, Anna McEvitt, Anne Mulderrig, Natalie Ashworth, Margaret Ashworth, Jo Blair
2. Matters arising from previous minutes :
  - Natalie hasn't had time to request a speed warning sign from the police or to ask Golf Rossendale, so Danny agreed to take these tasks on **ACTION** : Danny – request speed warning sign and visit Golf Rossendale for a prize draw voucher.
  - Issues with bin lorries seem to have eased with sporadic instances of bins not being collected but not due to inconsiderate car parking, so it was agreed that this will be monitored for the time being.
  - A date for the next defib session hasn't been booked yet so **ACTION** : Danny to book another defib session with Dawn Taylor.
  - The meeting was told about the first local walk being published on the web site and was encouraged to submit other short local walks for publishing online.
3. St. Nicholas church national heritage weekend Sept 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup>. NVCA have been invited to have a display table at St Nicholas church with particular reference to church activities (e.g. nativity, Easter cross on the green, dry stone walling at the bottom of the cemetery). **ACTION** – Cherry and Tracey to coordinate a display and volunteers to be available for both days.
4. Bird of Prey display – the meeting was reminded that the bird of prey display is booked at Newchurch school on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers would be appreciated to collect donations, help put the gazebo up, sell prize draw tickets, assist the bird of prey company with setting up and tidying up at the end of the session where necessary.

5. The meeting was reminded to sell as many prize draw tickets as possible. The 'mystery' prize list so far is :

Rowans Voucher, Pizza Box vouchers, Ski Rossendale doughnuts vouchers, East Lancs railway tickets, Grip and Go voucher. **ACTION** – Danny to request a voucher from the co-op and also from Marl Pits golf.

6. The bench seat outside the Little Park is looking tired, so the meeting decided to get it sanded down and repainted black but pick out the ornamental parts of the legs in gold (!). **ACTION** – Danny to see what colours of metal paint are available.

7. The idea of an annual charity which NVCA could donate a percentage of its proceeds to was discussed. The outcome was for the NVCA to organise events for a specific charity, hopefully starting with a Macmillan coffee morning at the end of Sept / Start of Oct.

8. Any other business :

- Anne and Tracey have received full training on how to fill up the dog poo bag dispenser at the Little Park so it shouldn't run out when Danny is away. Michael also requested training. **ACTION** – Danny to get notice board key cut for Michael
- Janet was concerned that the library at the Little Park is too small, so Brian may start work on a bigger one. Danny offered to request grant funding if necessary.
- The whole meeting was concerned at the vandalism of food in the food box. Various ideas were discussed including cameras and moving the box elsewhere, but each one was too problematic to implement. The issue is that the whole system relies on trust, which is often broken.

Next meeting : the AGM will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm at St Nicholas church.