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# Newchurch Village Community Association

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## **Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – St Nicholas Church**

Fiona Heppleston, Michael Ormerod, Lynne Ormerod, Ann Mulderrig, Margaret Leake, Danny Allen, Julia Barrow, Iain Blair, Jo Blair, Wilfred Day, Margaret Ashworth, Natalie Ashworth, Cherry Hughes, Larry Doolin

**Apologies**, Janet Melleleu, Kath Riley, Sue Holt, Anna McEvitt, Emily Hewitson, Jean Starkie, Mitchell Lord, Ken Slaughter and Paddy Marriot

## **Finance Update – Iain Blair**

There has been a delay with NVCA accounts being filed at Companies House but this is now resolved. The NVCA bank account is healthy due to being in receipt of grants that are funding specific projects.

Overall, we have raised less this financial year compared to the same point in the last financial year.

There was a grant overspend on costs for the Right Royal Tea Party, but £317 was collected and there is more money due in.

### **1. Woodside Hut Update**

Rossendale B.C. are waiting for costs associated with the remedial work required to make the Hut useable. Fiona still has the key so if anyone wants a look at the facility, please arrange with Fiona.

We are still seeking any groups who would like to use the Hut to offset expected bills e.g. Utilities/Electrics. At this stage we can't give dates when the Hut will be available however.

## **2. Boar's Head Green**

NVCA has been awarded £900 through Duchy of Lancaster to fund developing beds on the Green. 3 circles outlining the new beds have been drawn.

We have hired a rotavator on 7<sup>th</sup> July to dig out the beds and top soil will be ordered. Everyone is welcome to join us on 8<sup>th</sup> July (11.30a.m.) on the green to help dig and remove debris. Top soil to be ordered to coincide with the digging out. Volunteers required to then plant what has been purchased.

**ACTION:** Fiona to ask Shaun at the Boar's Head for advice.

## **3. Bench in Community Garden**

NVCA have received a £600 grant from Lancashire CC. Dan has ordered a £500 bench through Rossendale BC and this will be delivered within 11 weeks to the bottom section of the Garden.

## **4. Trees on Top Barn Lane**

Elm Trees on Top Barn Lane are blocking out light from neighbouring houses, causing cracks in pavements and leaving 'sticky residue' on vehicles. Fiona has alerted Sean Serridge, County Councillor, who has raised issue with Highways. To date received an inadequate response but Sean's taken further information to push for an adequate solution.

**ACTION:** Someone suggested having a word with Steve Ashworth for advice?

## **5. Pride of Rossendale Awards**

Natalie nominated Dan who was runner up for 'Man of the Year'. Congratulations. Thanks to Danny for all he does in and around the village.

## **6. Plant donations from Civic Pride**

Civic Pride donated seedlings that have now been planted (thanks to Janet, Fiona, Kath and Sue) mainly in the bottom end of the Community Garden. Fiona has sent a note of thanks.

## **7. Website – Photo Gallery**

Fiona asked for a gallery feature for photos on the website. Wilf mentioned that there is a collection of old photos of Newchurch on

the site. Fiona also alerted that there are outdated bits of information on the site that need to be removed.

**ACTION:** Dan to develop gallery

## 8. Events

Discussion on Right Royal Tea Party which was a great event. Some disappointment that there was very limited presence of local schools on the day.

Future events will be discussed at next 'Events Committee' meeting – dates agreed below:

Christmas Fair 4<sup>th</sup> November (agreed should be located at St Nicholas' Primary again if possible)

Walking Nativity 11<sup>th</sup> December

To discuss 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' with Kath Riley at next meeting.

## 9. Any Other Business

Dan has identified that owner of the damaged pavement on Top Barn Lane is the shop owner. Dan will check if owner intends to fix himself or will ask permission to get the pavement fixed.

**Next Meeting AGM 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

**\* All meeting dates on NVCA website with link to synch to phone calendar**