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| Newchurch Village Community Association |

A meeting of **NVCA** was held at **Boars Head, Newchurch** on **Thursday 14th June 2018**. Apologies received from Shelley C, Rachel G, Rachel H, Peter F, Jo B and Cherry A.

# Approval of minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

# Item Arising

1. **New Kirk Fair – Saturday 8th September 2018**

This is the list of current volunteers for stalls.

Whack a Rat – Geoff

Worm Charming Competition – Danny

Human Fruit Machine – St Nicholas Church

Bottle Stall – Julia

Tombola – Shelley

Bagatelle – Paddy

Bric-a- brac – Cherry

Refreshments – Newchurch Methodist

? – Guides & Rainbows

? – Brownies

Tin Can Alley - ?

Donation for the event can be brought to any of our monthly meetings.

Danny A agreed to look into ordering a new advertising banner.

Simone C agreed to organise ordering raffle tickets.

1. **Community Garden**

A huge thank you to those people who have helped to maintain the garden over the last couple of months. Now that the summer months are upon us a more concerted effort is required. It was agreed that as well as ‘lone gardening’ members would meet in the garden an hour prior to the monthly meetings as a working party.

Benches – an application has been made to Rossendale Lions for a contribution towards purchasing benches.

We have had an offer of support from Rossendale School to help maintain the garden. It was agreed that the next ‘large job’ would be to reduce the rhododendrons and tidy up the bottom half of the garden.

1. **Staghills Play Area**

Councillor Marriott has sent a message to say that he has raised the issue with regards to the outstanding permission letter and that it should be received soon.

1. **Dark Lane**

The present state of this area continues to be a concern to residents and despite the promise from Councillor Barnes to pressure the landowners to clear fly-tipped waste and improve safety at the site nothing has happened. Flag again to councillors for next steps support?

1. **Poppies**

The following additional people agreed to fund a poppy for the village.

Iain & Jo

Danny A & Cherry H

Julia B

Shirley & Ron S

Wilf D

Iain is to speak to St Nicholas Church to see if they would like one.

# Any Other Business

1. Following yet another accident on Church Street in the usual vulnerable spot a resident’s vehicle was written off by a ‘joy-rider’. It was agreed that contact would be made with the local PCSO for the area to express our concerns.
2. Boars Head are holding a Gin, Beer and Cider festival the weekend of 13th/14th/15th July 2017.
3. A discussion was held about the lack of grass cutting by RBC in Newchurch and NVCA have agreed to look into arranging for a local gardener to cut the grass in the garden and grass on the green.

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 12th July 2018 – 8.30pm – Boars Head**

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