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****NVCA meeting**** 5th November ****2018 at St Nicholas Church****

Present: Ron Suthers, Shirley Suthers, Iain Blair, Natalie Ashworth, Margaret Ashworth, Ken Slaughter, Nicki Frankel-Cain, Julia Barrow, Wilf Day, Mike Heppleston, Fiona Heppleston, Cath Riley, Shelley Carter, Patrick Marriot, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Revd. Penny King

**1. Apologies**

Simone Cudworth, Stephen Cudworth, Rachel Haj, Jo Blair, Janet Meleleu, Peter Fell and Rachael Gildert.

**2. Newchurch Road Signs**

Rachael G fedback (through Chair) that ‘Welcome to Newchurch Please drive carefully’ will cost £385 per sign (Welcome to Newchurch - £335). She has suggested we can get £500 grant to assist.

Discussed installing ‘boulders’ at boundaries which so far seems to be costly. Natalie has heard that Northern Reclamation are installing boulders for Waterfoot boundaries at a reasonable cost.

Agreed that we would initially explore grants to put up road signs on existing post as this would be quicker and easier to fund.

Proposed by Iain and seconded by Shelley.

Natalie/Paddy agreed to research similar yellow warning signs to the one at Dam Top Stables ‘Speed Concern Area’

**ACTION - Natalie**: Email Paddy to enquire regarding grants for ‘Speed Concern Area’ signs.

**ACTION – Danny:** Investigate cost for further improved ‘Welcome’ road signs which include the speed limit.

3**. Benches for Community Park**

Simone is chasing up Council regarding ordering the benches through their system to negate the VAT.

**ACTION – Simone:** continue chasing the Council

**4. Staghills Play Area**

Rachael and Simone have developed an online questionnaire for interested parties & Staghills residents. Natalie noted that the Play Area information and questionnaire have been widely shared on Facebook.

Following questionnaire receipts there will need to be a public consultation and then funds will be sought.

Shirley suggested that families on Staghills Estate be alerted to questionnaire

**ACTION - Danny** agreed to check if Staghills Nursery have been consulted.

**ACTION - ALL:** Plans and the questionnaire are on the [NVCA web site](http://www.newchurch-village.co.uk/) for those who wish to contribute suggestions. Please distribute these links to anyone you know locally who may have some input.

**5. Registering Community Garden and land behind Boars as a community resource**

Mike and Ian have met with CAST (Community Assets Standing Tall) who are developing an application to list the garden, bowling green & parking spaces as a community resource. Mike is collating evidence for the application of how the land has been used as a community resource in the past and its state currently. Mike asked for further evidence.

**ACTION - ALL**: Please check old photos/web site for evidence and pass to Mike

**6. Kirk Fair**

Natalie has had limited response to request for what worked well & what didn’t at last Kirk Fair. Bottle stall, CDs and Tin Alley all pulled in punters. We agreed that there was insufficient advertising, raffle ticket sales were poor & raffle prizes were limited. The weather (as ever) didn’t help!

Ian suggested that raffle ticket sales should extend over several months. It was agreed that there should be 2 extended raffle ticket sales per year with quality prizes.

Natalie suggested that we include more local organisations and businesses, Shelley suggested an umbrella decorating theme, Cath asked if we could get the road immediately in front of Boars closed to hold events/gazebos on it. Shirley mentioned that we have a gazebo stored at Newchurch Methodist Church.

**ACTION - Natalie**: Contact local schools to check on their event dates so we can find a free Saturday

**ACTION - Natalie:** work with social events co-ordinators to start planning next year’s Fair. Fiona is in this Group (but wasn’t identified as such in last minutes). Cath and Nicki were co-opted on to social events co-ordinators group.

To meet at **Gemini Salon on Monday 19th November at 7.15pm**

7. **Poppies**

Natalie outlined that Christine who has co-ordinated the poppies installation across Waterfoot, Stacksteads, Newchurch and Crawshaw Booth has raised over £8000. There is a Rossendale Poppies Facebook page – **ACTION – ALL** : please ‘like’ this page if you’re on Facebook.

Thanks to Natalie for local co-ordination.

Ian requested funding support for poppy wreaths for 2 war graves that are in the Unitarian Church cemetery (£15 each).

Proposed by Danny, seconded by Natalie.

**ACTION:** Iain Cheque to Iain

**8. Newchurch Nativity**

Cast requirements = Mary
 Joseph

 Angels (Simone’s guides?)

 Gabriel

 Shepherds

 Wise men

 Donkey (**ACTION - Margaret:** check with her donkey contacts)

 Narrator

Penny has already requested Water Brass Band to attend and is developing publicity.

**Date - Tuesday 18th December at 6pm – be at St Nicholas’ for 5.45pm**

**ACTION - Social Events Co-ordinators : start auditions and choose which doors Joseph & Mary to knock on**

**ACTION: Rachael – is it possible to close the lay-by in front of the Boars during the Nativity Performance?**

**9. Accounts**

Iain explained the audits. Membership has decreased impacting on funds.

Recommended that we hold an Open Day in the New Year to publicise the work of the Association.

**10. Any Other Business**

* **Ken requested that the Association publicise the New Millenium Theatre/Rossendale Players**
* **Danny continues to update** [**NVCA web site**](http://www.newchurch-village.co.uk/) **regularly – please alert him to any regular local events that need advertising on the site. Email** **dannysallen@yahoo.co.uk****.**

**Thanks to Revd. Penny and St. Nicholas’ for hospitality**

**Next meeting is Monday 7th January at 7pm – location to be advised
Agenda items to Cherry** **cherryohughes@yahoo.co.uk** **please**