

Minutes and Actions from NVCA AGM meeting Wednesday 25th October 2017 7.00pm

Number	Item	Action
1	<p>Apologies and Introductions Sam Gildert, Danny Allen, Cherry Hughes, Ken Slaughter, Cllr Marriott, Shelley Carter, Stephen Cudworth, Jo Blair, Emily Hewitson-Towneley, Heather Cudworth, Linda Maddocks, Shirley Suthers</p> <p>Present – Simone Cudworth, Iain Blair, Rachael Gildert, Julia Barrow, Janet Meleleu, Wilf Day, Rev Penny</p>	
2	<p>Members All members present have paid up. Fees due in January 2018</p>	
3	<p>Previous Minutes from 2016 AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes proposed and seconded (proposed by Iain Blair and seconded by Julia Barrow) 	
4	<p>Chairpersons report <i>See attached document at end of the minutes</i></p>	
5	<p>Audited Accounts <i>See attached document at end of the minutes</i></p>	
6	<p>Accounts Year to Date</p> <p>Jackie who audited the accounts now works with Iain so a decision was made to look for someone else to check the accounts next year. Does anyone know an accountant?</p>	
7	<p>Election of Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair – Simone Cudworth • Treasurer – Iain Blair • Secretary – Rachael Gildert <p>(Proposed by Julia Barrow, seconded by Janet Meleleu)</p>	
8	<p>Dates for 2018 Meetings and Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decided to meet more regularly on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30pm. - First meeting Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30 - Thursday 8th Feb - Thursday 8th March - Thursday 12th April - Thursday 10th May - Thursday 14th June - Thursday 12th July - Thursday 9th August - Thursday 13th September - Thursday 11th October AGM - Thursday 8th November - Thursday 13th December 	
9	<p>Meeting ended at 19.30</p>	

Minutes from Regular Meeting 19.45pm

<p>1</p>	<p>Apologies As above</p> <p>Peter Fell and Ken Slaughter joined the second half of the meeting</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Defibrillator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now has a new code on it and is numbered. And Dawn has replaced the pad. We have been invoiced by Rossendale First Responders for less than expected • A reminder if you ever see a red light on the box, contact Simone and she will get in touch with the First Responders to see if it was deployed and where it went to otherwise they can get lost in the system of hospitals if it was used and taken with a patient. • Simone to attach a sticker on the outer packing of the defib to say Newchurch Village Community Association and a postcode so it can be returned if used 	<p>SC</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Dark Lane Football Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues recently with offensive graffiti by entrance visible for children going to school. Simone reported this to RBC it took several weeks to get removed. Had to contact Cllr Barnes and Cllr Marriott. It is now sorted and Cllr Marriott arranged with the owner to go and have a look. Also think it is being used by teens and young people and also as a dumping ground. • Contact Cllr Marriott and Cllr Barnes to see if the remaining buildings can be demolished for safety. And for an update on progress on development • SC to ask St Nicks school to contact Cllr Barnes too about it 	<p>RG</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Staghills Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC proposed that NVCA approach Proffitts to work on the project to design and consult on the play area at Staghills officially. Seconded by Iain Blair • Consult with all local residents inc St Nicks School, St Nicks Church, Boars Head etc. • Also, a way of increasing membership! • RG to take this back to Proffitts and RBC and look at the next steps. Will keep the group updated 	<p>RG</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Christmas!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev Penny and Simone has planned out a Christmas extravaganza! • Monday 18th December 6.30pm onwards • Idea is that Water Band would be involved; it would start at the Church (with Mary and Joseph); come out of the side door onto the car park on Old Street with another nativity scene; up onto Church Street to The Boars (if possible depending on times and availability) and knock on for 'no room at the Inn' then into the Community Garden with gazebo/stable and ideally a donkey. And Water Band. Kings turning up in Royal Taxis • Penny to look into getting a donkey! 	<p>Rev P</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBC licence required for event in the garden • Nativity themed fancy dress! Invite the whole community • Try to get both schools, other churches, Rainbows/Brownies and Guides and Cubs/Beavers involved • Can Alex Hadj provide music/sound. SC to ask • SC to contact the Methodist Church • Rev Penny to ask Jean Starkie to notify the Catholic Church and to put it in the Church diary <p>Christmas Do At Bare Arts in Stacksteads. SC to speak to Shelley to arrange this</p>	<p>RG</p> <p>SC SC</p> <p>Rev P</p> <p>SC</p>
6	<p>Kirk Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite the rain (again) we made £386.37 after we had paid raffle prizes etc • Date for 2018 is tentatively set at 9th June 2018. Venue and times to be confirmed • SC to contact the Methodist Church • Rev Penny to ask Jean Starkie to notify the Catholic Church and to put it in the Church diary 	<p>SC</p> <p>Rev P</p>
7	<p>Community Garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RG replaced sign in the garden re litter and dog waste as original was removed. RG to order a couple more spare signs from Studio 51 • Brownies used the garden for Spooky Welly walk on Monday ending up in the garden. Simone to ask for photos to share on our website and social media • Also there is a geocache hidden in the garden too so random people will look in there for the hidden item • A little more money left over from the grants (£80) - see how the garden fares over winter and maybe get new plants in the spring. • Garden is being appreciated by many more people. • Ask RBC for a truck load of bark mulch for the garden this winter • RG to ask RBC to sweep by the church and Top Barn Lane pavement for safety 	<p>RG</p> <p>SC</p> <p>RG RG</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Rossendale Community Network for Food Donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church to become a 'Place of Welcome' – providing an open door policy for free teas, coffee and toast. Once a week for a few hours. A nationwide policy. St Nicks are going to become one of these. • St Nicks have committed to collect for RAFT unless they hear anything different. • Could St Nicks School be the collection point? Or the Boars Head? Ask the question to both orgs. Separate to RAFT. • RG to let Barry Hyde know that we are interested but there are existing arrangements in place • Do NVCA want to become a registered charity? Can get gift aid...? Something consider. Iain to look into this 	<p>SC</p> <p>RG</p> <p>IB</p>

	<p>Irwell Tapestry Part of the Bacup Townscape Heritage Initiative project and the aim is to work with an artist to create a linear tapestry, made up of 10x10cm (4"x4") squares that are sewn together, based on the Irwell and where we live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC knows the Twisted Sisters in Bacup and can put RG in touch with Bacup Guides and other groups • Also there is the shop in Waterfoot to contact • RG to share more information as it becomes available <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS made a point that anyone is welcome to attend any events or activities regardless of if they are a member. All are welcome. Make this clear on all our literature and posters to be more welcoming 	<p>SC</p> <p>RG</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Date of next meetings/upcoming events in the area Regular meetings – see above</p> <p>Other Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 28th October 1-3pm Boars Head Macmillan Coffee Afternoon • Rossendale Guides are in Asda on Saturday 28th Oct 11-4pm • Boars Head Gin Festival Saturday 4th November 5pm with Fireworks at 7pm • Coffee morning 10-12.30 on Saturday 4th November at Methodist Church for the Leprosy Mission 	

Newchurch Village Community Association – Chairs Report 2017

To start this report I took the time to reflect on last years comments and it's amazing how many recurring themes there are.

Planning still appears on the agenda with opportunities throughout the valley in the last couple of months to comment on the council proposals for some areas including Newchurch. Dark Lane now has planning outline planning permission for just over 100 houses and we watch the apparent developments at the land behind Johnny Barn Cottages with interest.

Christmas saw many members supporting the events held in the village involving schools, pub, churches and our own Carols in the Park event. Many thanks must go to Water Band for their support with this.

This years post Christmas 'do' was at Bare Arts in Stacksteads with a fantastic meat & Pie supper with Suet crust – heaven!

Despite having changed the time of year for the Kirk Fair once again we were thwarted by very wet weather. Perhaps we ought to consider moving to the Sahara desert in future! Thanks must go to St Nicholas Church for their hospitality on this occasion.

Wet weather, again, has hampered our efforts to improve the little park; however, grants have enabled us to fix a hand rail, secure coping stones and remove some of the privet hedging making this a much more welcoming place for the community to use.

We have engaged with Civic Pride and Danny Allen should be commended for his sterling work clearing The Heys.

We have some exciting projects we would like to complete to make Newchurch an even nicer place to live but need lots of support from current members be it raising awareness of the group, supporting events, gardening or litter picking.

I intend to try to develop a much larger membership over the next twelve months – the more residents we can encourage to be involved the wider the workload can be shared and a vested interest in the community can surely be no bad thing.

I would like to finish by thanking The Boars Head for allowing us to meet on the premises, Rachael Gildert for her, as always, meticulous note keeping and Iain for looking after the money for us!

Simone Cudworth

**Newchurch Village Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account (Unrestricted)
Year Ended 31st December 2016**

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>	
Income				
Subscriptions				
Full Members	36	£5	31	155.00
Associate Members	10	£1	3	3.00
Donations - Friends of NVCA				190.00
Donations Received				150.00
Donations at Carol Singing				15.00
New Kirk Fair				21.75
Income				402.40
Donations in Kind				225.00
St Nicholas CE Primary Stall				0.00
Donated St Nicholas CE Primary				0.00
Donated Newchurch Methodist Church				0.00
Asda Foundation - Grant				400.00
Draw Receipts				323.00
Draw Prizes				(100.00)
Costs				(373.24)
Gezebos				(252.93)
Net Surplus New Kirk Fair				624.23
				<u>1,164.33</u>
Expenditure				
Insurance				120.00
Website				66.24
Garden Expenditure				0.00
Food after Carol Singing				0.00
Tree Lighting - NVCA Contribution transferred to restricted fund				900.00
Defibrillator				43.60
				<u>1,129.74</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year (Unrestricted)				<u>£34.59</u>

**Newchurch Village Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account (Restricted)
Year Ended 31st December 2016**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Grants Received		
Rosendale BC - re Garden (2015 re Lights)	120.00	1,700.00
Lancashire CC - re Garden (2015 re Lights)	150.00	200.00
Lancashire Environmental Fund Limited	<u>850.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	1,120.00	1,900.00
Contribution NVCA Unrestricted Funds for Tree Lights	<u>0.00</u>	<u>900.00</u>
	1,120.00	2,800.00
Expenditure		
Tree Lighting	0.00	2,800.00
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year (Restricted)	<u><u>£1,120.00</u></u>	<u><u>£0.00</u></u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepaid Expenses	871.75	0.00
Cash at Bank	1,334.94	391.21
	<u>2,206.69</u>	<u>391.21</u>
Current Liabilities		
Subscriptions in advance	10.00	0.00
Friends Donations in advance	25.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	90.00	0.00
	<u>125.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>£2,081.69</u>	<u>£391.21</u>
Represented by:		
Accumulated Fund		
Restricted Funds		
Brought Forward	0.00	0.00
Grants re Garden	1,120.00	0.00
	<u>£1,120.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
Brought Forward	391.21	356.62
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	570.48	34.59
	<u>£961.69</u>	<u>£391.21</u>
Total Accumulated Fund	<u>£2,081.69</u>	<u>£391.21</u>

Iain G Blair - FMR&T
 Treasurer - Newchurch Village Community Association
 20th February 2017