

Skelmanthorpe Community Action Group

Minutes of meeting Held at 73 Station Road 18th October 2006

- 1. Meeting convened at 7.30pm.**
- 2. Present:** Anne Ward, Carole Broadbent, Christopher Ward Elaine Knight Phil Wheeler Susan McDonagh and Wilf Ryden
- 3. Apologies for Absence:** Richard Graham, John Eccles, Nadine Bond, & Ruth Whitehead
- 4. Minutes of meeting held 27th September 06 –**

Matters arising

(d) Fire Service have already planned - allocated their funds for the Firework display to other charities, however Susan stated that perhaps an other joint event might be considered, e.g. 'car wash.

(e) Candlelight Supper in St Aidans Church this was set fixed for Saturday the 27th January 07

The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Elaine & Seconded by Wilf.

- 5. Village Survey** – Christopher presented a draft which was debated and amended, and it was agreed that he would prepare and e-mail to committee members the final draft for acceptance. Wilf made the point that as we were about to produce and send out the next news letter that we printed it on the rear of the survey form. It was agreed that this was the way to proceed. It was further agreed to have the Survey & newsletter ready for delivery for 1st November 06. Elaine and Phil agreed to liaise over the matter of delivery. Phil volunteered to assist with the physical deliveries if we had 'holes' where we did not have 'volunteers' to deliver.
- 6. Band Concert Review** – It was reported to be a great success, raising £153 towards funds. It was agreed that Christopher would send a letter of thanks, suggesting that this might become an annual event, but in future splitting the proceeds 50/50% with the Band.
- 7. Planning procedures, and objections to applications** – Wilf requested clarification of how the procedure actually worked, from initial application through to appeal with the Minister of State. Christopher outlined how it worked, and how to check up on the various parts of the procedure.

A particular development was that of Bovis homes, and it was decided that Wilf should liaise with Richard, and that we should write to KMC Planning demanding that, though 'outline planning permission had been granted, that the final and full planning permission should be heard by the full planning committee and not be at the discretion of the Planning officer involved (Hannah Morrison). This would allow us to be present at the planning meeting in Dewsbury Town Hall, and to put our position in the public discussion period of the meeting

- 8. Financial report** – Carole presented a summary of our current position which showed a Surplus of £707.40, but with £486.15 to pay for website services. Carole reported that the bank account was partly open, accepting deposits, but still awaiting the cheque books. Carole requested that Christopher calculate the cost of printing per single sided sheet to enable him to be paid in the future for paper and cartridges. This also enabling us to accurately cost printing runs prior to proceeding. Christopher commented that various committee members and supporters had generously donated 8 reams of paper (4,000 sheets).

9. **Open discussion** – It was agreed that Christopher would write to Alan and Ken at Saddleworth suggesting that the committee went 'over the hill' to meet with them, and requesting dates and a venue.

9.1 Wilf outlined the position regarding the acquiring of the electoral roll. In that we were only entitled to a 'edited' copy which did not have all the names of village residents, if they had requested that their names should be withheld on the grounds of privacy. The new roll was due for publication in December 06, and it was agreed that we should obtain a copy when released.

9.2 Carole suggested that for special events, and as permanent display, say in St Aidans church that we obtained a 'board & easel' notice board. Christopher believes there may be a surplus one at St Aidan's and agreed to investigate.

9.3 It was agreed to investigate with KMC Councillor Elaine Ward whether the 'village notice board' could be reinstated on the edge of the Coop car park. Christopher to email Elaine

9.4 It was decided to have a summer barbeque on the 30th June 07 (noted to be 'Ember day!') The actual venue and details to be decided at later date.

9.5 It was agreed to ask Richard to set a meeting with the CFPRE

9.6 Wilf agreed to write to Highways Department with particular reference to the 'chaos and danger' at the junction of Station Road and Commercial Road - Huddersfield Road – Christopher to supply main contact for Wilf to write to.

10. **Meeting Summary** – It was agreed that we were making positive progress., but that we had by middle of November 06 to have our planning and strategy in place to deal with the KMC housing policy proposals due out in January 2007.

11. **Any other business** – It was agreed that all matter had been dealt with within the 'open discussion' item.

12. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 22nd November 7.30pm – 73 Station Road