

# Minutes



Meeting held at Horsforth Museum on Saturday, 4 November 2017

**Present:** Dawn Collins (DC), Geoff Poad (GP), Hilary Taylor (HT), Peter Mallott (PM), Alan Gray (AG), Glenda Williamson (GW), Kate Van Heel (KVH), Joan Relph (JR), Paul Cattley (PC), Ray Ford (RF), Penny Pinn (PP), Kath Rolls (KR)

**Apologies:** David & Sandra Wallwork

**Minutes of October Meeting** - Freda Varley was amended to Freda Varty. The minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Due to unforeseen circumstances the Treasurer was unable to provide a statement of accounts and would bring to the next meeting. He did, however, advise that we had a healthy balance compared to last year. **Action:** GP

**Election of Officers** – it was agreed that we add a further role of Publicity Co-Ordinator. This had previously been dealt with by the Secretary. The officers were elected as follows:-

Chair – Dawn Collins  
Treasurer – Geoff Poad  
Business Co-Ordinator – Peter Mallott  
Secretary – Kath Rolls  
Publicity Co-Ordinator – Ray Ford

The outgoing Secretary, Hilary, was thanked for her outstanding contribution and special thanks were given to Geoff in his capacity as Treasurer.

## **Matters Arising from Oct 17:**

**Charity Status** – it was felt there would be no advantage to obtaining charity status - no further action.

**Sponsors** – PM advised we now had 7 business sponsors. M C Consumables and Co-operative Funeral Services were the most recent. Sam Haggard of Talbot Interiors has requested a further sign. It was agreed that a second sign would be charged at £50 per year. For clarification the sponsorship costs would be 1<sup>st</sup> year - £80 plus cost of sign £20 and £50 pa thereafter. To advertise on an additional existing box would be £50 plus cost of sign £20. It was also noted that a new planter has been installed on Outwood Lane for the Craghill and Woodside Resident Group (CHWRG)  
**Action: PM**

## **Work to be done -**

**Pollination Corner** – The Parks Department have now treated the grass outside St Margaret's School in readiness for rotavating in a couple of weeks. There are two signs explaining the area has been treated. **Action: Pollination corner team (RF, AG & PM)**

**Herb Garden** - we are awaiting a response from Richard Gill (Leeds City Council In Bloom Co-Ordinator) as to whether there are any issues with the utilities we need to consider. **Action: PM**

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**Disused Red Telephone Box** – this box has been non-operational for some time and Peter has made arrangements for us to adopt. Horsforth in Bloom are happy to take this on, however, we want to involve the community so it is to be discussed with Horsforth Town Council before progressing further. The red paint for renovation has been provided and discussion regarding glazing, electricity, locking up etc is required. **Action: PM**

**Bulbs** – Aireborough Rotary Club have donated over 500 purple crocus bulbs in celebration of their work in eradicating polio globally. It was agreed these would be planted at 'Pollination Corner'. The Rotary Club would like us to provide a photo for their publicity. Each year we have obtained bulbs from Groundwork and this year it will be crocus bulbs which will be planted at the Railway Station. Daffodil and tulip bulbs have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. Many of these will be used at the Horsforth sign sites. We are still waiting for the signs to be renewed/renovated by Leeds City Council. **Action: AG and PM**

**Jobs to do now:** There is still lots of leaf clearing and general tidying of sites to be completed.

**Horsforth Live at Home** – Sally Metcalfe joined the meeting and advised that they had been successful in their request for funding from the Leeds Community Foundation. It was agreed we would be involved in 2 projects – planting bulbs in pots and preparing window boxes. AG is to lead the project and the first one is to run on 13 December at 1pm. A venue has yet to be decided. Expenses to be claimed back from Sally. GW advised that the new council nursery, Arium, would be well worth a visit.

**Action: DC** to check the availability of Brownlee Centre for the first project and to check out the possibility of an 'open day' style trip to the Arium. **AG** to plan the project day and advise members. **KR** to provide logo to Sally.

## Any Other Business

**Fruit Trees** – Alan has taken on the role of Orchard Co-ordinator for Horsforth. He is taking a pruning course and is to design an environmental strategy for all communal fruit trees in Horsforth. The aim is to increase fruit production in the area. Discussions took place regarding access to a juicer and co-ordinating with other local groups. **Action: AG** to contact Duncan Stowe, Craghill Baptist Church to discuss.

**Wood Chip** – Ray has access to lots of wood chip from Dean Grange Farm if required.

**Engaging with Schools** – Two schools have made requests for help – St Mary's and West End. It was agreed that we would assist schools and provide advice where we can. It would not be our role to solely carry out any works.

**Friends of Hall Park** – Dawn is looking to restart Friends of Hall Park. A meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 6pm at the Stables. Anyone interested is invited.

**Christmas tree lights switch on** – it is on the afternoon of 2 December 17.

**Next Meeting** – to be held 10am, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at Horsforth Museum.