

**SOWERBY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

**APOLOGIES:** Geraldine Carter, George Serban, Jo Morton, Sheila Greetham, Eric Senior

**PRESENT:** Harry, Mark Warrender, Jean Illingworth, John and Vera Kerridge, Anne Maynard, Ann Habbergham, Paul and Anna Tattersley, Harriet, Sharron Greenwood, Hilary Howarth, Brenda Sweeney, Richard Ashton, Irene Kitchen.

**MINUTES** of the last meeting were signed by Sharron.

**STONE** - The long awaited Stone with the words " SOWERBY TOWN " will be completed within 3 weeks and we hope it will be in place before The Queen's Jubilee. This will cost £420 plus VAT and will take all of our existing funds. However we would like to record a big thank you to The Beechwood Residents' Association for their generous gift to us of £150.

**PREFABS** - in Dean Lane remain an ongoing problem and eyesore for the Community.

**BUS STOP** - in Towngate has been moved, to our delight.

**PHONEBOX** - The vandalised and useless phone box is still here. We feel this is now a matter for the Ward Forum. Would any member who finds out the date of the next Ward Forum please notify us.

**LITTER** - Sharron reported to us the details of the successful litter pick and hopes to repeat it. However much of the problem is caused by Ryburn School. Several of us will attend a meeting this coming Thursday at 2 o'clock with the Head of Ryburn School. If any other members would like to attend they will be most welcome.

**CRIME REPORT** - We await this from George. Several members reported the theft of Garden Furniture.

**NORTHERN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** - gives grants to Community Groups for garden projects and Sharron will apply for one for our village. The sum of £2000 was mentioned! Apparently Tommy Topsoil has already promised a donation of top soil.

**WARD FORUM** - We would appreciate a good turn out of our members when they next come to Sowerby. We feel that issues of concern that we can no longer influence are:

- Prefabs
- Phone box
- Parking problems on Towngate
- A speed limit on Towngate
- Dirty signs in Sowerby

**PLANTATION** - on Sowerby New Road below the Church Stile.

There was much discussion of this ongoing nuisance and health hazard. We now feel that it has got to the point where we need help from our Councillor.

Mr Weaver has annoyed residents of Pollit Avenue by using a generator for his electricity. He plans to build stables and 2 detached houses. He has chopped down protected trees. Where is his sewage going? Is the water being polluted? A once beautiful area is being wrecked. We will contact Geraldine.

**WALK** - Jean has offered to lead another walk, perhaps to coincide with the Stone inauguration. Instead of setting a date for the next meeting we thought it would be a lovely idea to have a little gathering by the Stone and possibly Jean's Walk in the evening? As soon as we have definite dates we will inform you.