

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SOWERBY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION 10th AUGUST 2015

APOLOGIES: Malcolm Street, Geraldine Carter, George Serban, Hilary Howarth, Sheila Greetham, Sharron Greenwood, Eric Senior, Ruth Nuttall

PRESENT: Irene Kitchen, Hanley Gaynor, Richard Ashton, Jean Illingworth, Leslie and Dave Wakeford, Anne Maynard

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

MATTERS arising from the minutes

MR WEAVER – Short discussion of situation which is still unsatisfactory. Hens have been seen; the site is still untidy; there is a caravan there. When the leaves fall it will look bad. We'll ask George to investigate.

CRIME REPORT - We await George.

HOWEVER - We discussed the break in at Margaret Jowett and Margaret Kerridge's house on Pinfold Lane and also the sighting of 10 youths in the early hours in Mirey lane, (possibly connected with the Camp Site near the Travellers Rest). On the whole we felt that the area is quiet and visitors have commented on the attractiveness of the village.

LITTER PICKS - are not as successful as we would wish; we feel this is because of the short notice.

HANGING BASKETS - The main issue for us. We all love them **BUT** there is a really serious and unacceptable problem. Sharron and Rob are the **ONLY** people who water them - **16 baskets** every night, climbing up ladders. Do we need a rota, could Mick Harrop's department help? Could Pennine help? We must find a solution or we will lose them.

TROUGHS - in front of the shops in Towngate. **SHOPKEEPERS please** will you water them. Sharron is doing that too!!!

FUNDING - is always a tricky issue. We have made several attempts to get funding for local projects. Pennine Housing Association should be helping us as we have several Pennine Housing members. We worry that the £5000 Geraldine talked of, being siphoned off to poorer areas of Calderdale. We shall keep trying. We scratch around for small amounts for hanging baskets!!! A plea to George, could we have a receipt. Thank you George.

LIGHTS - Geraldine and Sharron and committee are spearheading funding, we need to raise about £1200 for the Christmas lights. Suggestions so far include a Halloween dance and Pie and Peas on Friday 30th.

Richard suggested a bonfire and volunteered to act as Father Christmas !!

Boulderclough - Issue of the pavement being blocked has not been forgotten but Hanley pointed out that it now falls in the Luddenden Foot Ward. There will be a Ward Forum Meeting on Wed 19th August at St Michael's Church, Mytholmroyd.

BUSES - A threat to reduce the service is another major issue for us affecting our residents who don't drive. I will just summarise the issue as I have circulated 2 detailed emails from Hanley. This affects Shield Hall Lane residents particularly. Hanley is on the case and will not give up because he feels that legal procedure has not been followed and that there has been **NO** public consultation on the changes which affect our residents. Hanley has photographic evidence re the suitability of Shield hall Lane and is working with Councillor Rob Holden. There is no reason for the axing of the bus service, Metro have failed to provide accident statistics, Geraldine has suggested that proper procedures have not been followed. Hanley will consult Nicola May who has a legal background.

Please sign the petition

MONDAYS OR TUESDAYS ??

AT the last Ward Forum which I attended Rob Holden asked me if we could alternate between Mondays and Tuesdays as he and others have problems with Mondays. So as an experiment we suggest **TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER** for our next meeting.