

**MOSLEY COMMON IN BLOOM**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH 2016**  
**7.30 PM AT LINDALE HALL**

**Present:**      **MCIB:**                      Maxine Abberley, Louise Cook, Linda Speakman, John Worrall, Sylvia Abberley, Kay Worsley, Edith Thomas, Judy Jones, Andrea Fisher  
Fred Walton  
**Councillors:**                      Joanne Platt, Christine Roberts, Barry Taylor  
**Evergreen:**                          Mavis Grundy, Alma Cooper

**Apologies for Absence:** Norma & Geoff Fryer,

**1. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015:**  
There were no matters arising.

**2. Update re Commons Road:**

Kay gave a brief summary of the Commons Road meeting held at Lindale Hall prior to this MCIB Meeting. The main item discussed was the possibility of having yellow lines on the road to indicate the private road. Councillor Platt is to discuss options with Richard Beamer.

Action:                      Councillor Platt

**3. Planting of Crocus Bulbs & Flowerbeds:**

Linda reported that one of the adopters will no longer be caring for Flowerbed 6. One of our other adopters has kindly offered to take over this. Currently 9 of the 11 beds are adopted. This is to be advertised in the next Newsletter in the hope that more adopters will come forward.

**4. Replacement of Linda's Bench & Memorial Plaque:**

John has now been able to install the new memorial bench kindly replaced by Wigan Council in it's original position. The plaque will be put back on as soon as it is dry enough. Maxine asked if it would be possible for John to install another row of flags in front of this bench as, again, due to the constant rain the grass there is very muddy. Due to the constant rain it has not been possible for Linda to treat all the benches but this will be done as soon as possible.

Action:                      Linda/John

**5. Merchandise:**

Louise circulated a lovely illustrated example 2016 / 2017 calendar which she has designed for the group. These will be sold at forthcoming events at a cost of £2. Other items of merchandise currently available are postcards which are to be sold as a pack, and keyrings. This year MCIB Christmas Cards were sent to all the businesses who have supported the group and these will be available for sale for Christmas 2016. Fred said he would advertise these items on Facebook.

Action:                      Louise/Fred

**6. Anti-Social Behaviour:**

New flyers were posted to all the residents surrounding the open leisure space of Mosley Common giving details of who to contact in the event of problems with anti-social behaviour.

*Action:                      MCIB*

**7. Committee Membership:**

Mavis has completed an application to become an official Committee Member with immediate effect. Mavis, Alma and the Evergreen team have been a tremendous support to the group, who are very pleased to welcome Mavis to the Committee.

**8. Race Night Preparations:**

The Race Night will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Lindale Hall. A poster has been placed in the Notice Board and the event advertised on the Website, Streetlife and Facebook. The tickets, which were handed to Linda as a contact are £3 each to include a hot supper. There will also be a raffle. Various Committee members took the race sheet to sell Horse and Jockey Ownership at £2 each. Maxine will endeavour to get sponsorship for each race from our very supportive local businesses. All sheets and monies collected need to be handed in at the next MCIB meeting to that we can send them to print.

Action: MCIB

**9. Re-entering for the IYN Scheme 2016:**

Following a brief discussion it was decided that MCIB would enter the IYN Scheme in 2016, despite having reached the highest level 5.

Action: MCIB

**10. Two additional Bins by the shops:**

In conjunction with MCIB, Councillor Taylor arranged for two additional litter bins to be provided by the shops due to the amount of rubbish. However, concerns have been raised, mainly by drivers, regarding their positioning, and being black they are difficult to see. Arrangements will be made for reflectors to be placed on these.

Action: Councillor Taylor

**11. Mark Street:**

The huge bush has now been cleared from Mark Street but the remaining roots need to be removed. Councillor Taylor promised to chase this up as a matter of urgency. Maxine has chased Ann Davies at Balfour Beatty for an update on the promised hardcore for this space, once the busway is complete. Anne is on Annual Leave until mid January. Regarding the collapsed fence from the new houses on the old dairy site, the owner of the land is Peel Holdings and the HQ is in London. A letter has been sent to Peel about this.

Action: Councillor Taylor/  
Maxine

**12. Clearing Footpath on A580 from the Petrol Station to Amans:**

John has actually carried out the work to clear this footpath so grateful thanks were extended to him. Many positive comments have been received following this which was promoted on Twitter, Streetlife and Facebook.

**13. Replacement Maple Tree:**

Nick Burdekin has informed the group that the tree will be replaced W/c 18/1/2016. The group noted that the remaining trees have damaged supports and missing ties. And this could be looked at and rectified at the time of the replacement tree planting.

Action: Nick Burdekin/  
Maxine

#### **14. Goalposts for the Playing Field:**

There are apparently two full size football pitches available for hire on the field at the moment. The funding from WLH was approved finally following concerns over management wtc and Mike Fishwick has informed the group that the new 5 a side goal posts will be installed in January. Lucy Murphy has confirmed the funding will be released shortly.

Action: Maxine

#### **15. Wooded Copse - Plan of Action:**

Following the problems in this wooded copse over the Summer months, MCIB intend to cut out 75% of the current trees, re-use the felled tree trunks (currently too big to be managed by the group) as edging for pathways, and chip the branches to use as the path base. We will remove the brambles and make the floor clear for mowing and easy to litter pick. Hopefully clearing a large portion of this area will make it cleaner, accessible to all and help prevent it becoming a dense cover for youths to hide out, and litter to be trapped. In the future we will be looking to introduce more biodiversity in this area, with smaller fruit trees, British woodland flowers, hog houses, bug village, bird boxes and information boards etc.

Action: Maxine/John

#### **16. Update regarding the Crossing Campaign:**

Maxine has arranged a meeting with Salford Council and TFGM on 21<sup>st</sup> January at 1.30pm. It is hoped that Richard Beamer or a representative from Wigan Council can attend. We have lots of suggestions to put forward regarding safety of pedestrians and safe crossing time and need to record clearly the responses from Salford and TFGM. We still have the Petition running and we may need to ramp this up in the near future.

Action: Maxine

#### **17. Pit Tubs:**

Maxine has obtained an Architect regarding the drawing up of plans for the Pit Tubs to be placed at the Gateway. She will be meeting with him on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm to discuss.

Action: Maxine

#### **18. Blue Plaques:**

Maxine had quotes for the provision of blue plaques in two styles, embossed metal or formed printed plastic.. It was decided that metal ones would be appropriate and this is the style we should always adopt going forward as we add plaques around the village. Maxine will circulate potential working for the plaque for Eddies shortly. There is still a question about the fixing of the plaque on the miner due to the unusual shape of the tree trunk. John will liaise with Barry regarding making something suitable.

Action: John/Maxine/Barry

#### **19. Feedback from the Wreath Workshop:**

This event was again very successful, especially with Adele, a professional florist on hand to guide the attendees with their wreath making. Mavis and the Evergreen group arranged the festive refreshments and a raffle. It was pleasing to note that a profit of £200 was raised this time. It was pointed out, however, that the next Workshop to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 may incur costs for the hire of Lindale Hall in light of the current plans for an asset transfer of the building.

**20. Paint for the Wheel:**

Councillors Platt and Taylor kindly agreed that Wigan Council would pay for the matt black and gold paint for The Wheel. John will deal with the rust on the wheel prior to repainting which will be done by MCIB.

Action: John/Councillors/MCIB

**21. Update - Tree Opposite to the Wheel:**

Maxine has met with the Councillors and Wigan Lighting department to discuss the feasibility of a permanently planted live Christmas tree on the opposite side of Bridgewater Road to the Wheel, between the play area and Mosley Common Road. It was felt this would give a good balance to the Wheel and be the most visible position for a tree with lights. It is also close to a lamp post for the lighting feed. A quote has been received for supply and installation of the tree and iron railings, however, the lighting element needs to be added before submission to the Councillors for funding approval. Before Christmas a consultation and information flyer was posted to all houses along Mosley Common Road who may feel they are affected by installation of a Christmas tree. No comments have been received to date following a period of over 6 weeks. Maxine will chase up the final quote and a decision from the Councillors and Wigan Council.

Action: Maxine/Councillors/Wigan Council

**22. Asset Transfer:**

Maxine gave brief details of the Asset Transfer of Lindale Hall and it is hoped MCIB will have an input. It is hoped that with the new plans, the hall will be used more frequently and effectively for community events to benefit the residents of Mosley Common and beyond. A meeting to discuss this issue is planned for the near future.

**23. Big Thank You Feedback Event:**

Maxine has received an e-mail from Nick Burdekin relative to the Wigan in Bloom Big Thank You Event asking for representatives of the various groups in the area to attend a follow-up event on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 10 am - 12 noon to discuss any issues in which Wigan in Bloom can provide assistance. Unfortunately on this occasion no-one is available to attend. Maxine is to inform Nick.

Action: Maxine

**24. Any Other Business:**

a) Fly Posting - Maxine highlighted the problems regarding the illegal fly posting which is prolific and especially at the Amans/Queens junction in the Mosley Common area at the moment. Councillor Taylor promised to deal with this as soon as possible next week.

Action: Councillor Taylor

**25. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next MCIB meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm at .....

**26. Dates for Diary - 2016: (See Page 6)**

**27. Clean for The Queen:**

Discussion took place regarding a suitable tree to be planted on the occasion of the Clean for The queen weekend with Crab Apple, Acorn, Victoria Plum as suggestions. It is hoped to be able to hold a street party on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 1pm until 4pm as part of the celebrations.

**28. Distribution List:**

Maxine informed the group that the distribution list is to cease other than to attendees of the meetings. Anyone not attending the actual meetings should be directed to the Village Website to view minutes of the meetings. This is to encourage activity to the village website to promote its use.

**DISTRIBUTION LIST:**

**MCIB MEMBERS:** Maxine Abberley, Louise Cook, Linda Speakman, John Worrall, Sylvia Abberley, Mavis Grundy  
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**Diary Dates for 2016:**

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday - 7pm	Race Night	Lindale Hall
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4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> March (6 <sup>th</sup> = Mothers Day)	TBA	Clean for the Queen. Litter pick, clean up and tree planting	Village  Tree planting for the Queen on field
21 <sup>st</sup> May - TBC	TBA	Street Party ?  Queen's Birthday Thursday 21.4.16	On the Common
4 <sup>th</sup> / 5 <sup>th</sup> June  (Considering Friday evening Fun Fair)	Noon Saturday & 11.30 am Sunday	Dog Show (Sun) & Fun Weekend	The Field
From 9 <sup>th</sup> July - ??? Display Scarecrows	Judging Day TBA	Scarecrow Festival (prizes for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Village
3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup> September  (Considering Friday evening Fun Fair)	From Noon on both days	Fun Fair & Table Top Sale on Saturday & Fun Fair & Free Concert on Sunday	The Field and Common
TBC October	10.30 am	Litter Pick and clean up	Village
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Saturday From 3.30 pm	Xmas lights - Switch on Event  (Reindeer, Santa on sleigh, Music, Hot Food and Licensed Bar etc).	On the Common
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday - 7pm	Wreath Workshop	Lindale Hall