

MOSLEY COMMON IN BLOOM
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19TH 2015
7.30 PM AT THE BOUNDARY STONE PUB

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

Prior to the meeting, Maxine welcomed Fred Walton, author of the Boothstown Bugle who has set up and is managing a Facebook page for MCIB.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Andrea Fisher, Judy Jones, Norma & Geoff Fryer,
2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2015:**
 There were no matters arising.

3. RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards:

Maxine and Louise recently attended this award ceremony and were delighted to receive a Level 5 'Outstanding' award on behalf of MCIB. As Level 5 is the highest level, the point was raised about whether MCIB should continue to enter the RHS 'Its Your Neighbourhood Scheme' or if instead, we should aim for Green Flag Status as this is a nationally recognised award. A decision will need to be made before the end of February 2016.

Maxine raised the point that if RHS was more collaborative with Green Flag etc., the two could be combined as a route of progressing beyond the current maximum level 5. Maxine will write to RHS to make suggestions and ask for feedback.

Action: Maxine

4. Wigan Borough 'Big Thank You' Event:

Linda and John attended this event on Thursday 12th November and were thrilled to receive a framed 'Thank You' certificate on behalf of MCIB. MCIB were also awarded a glass trophy and a silver salver, being the Gallimore's Award for Outstanding Achievement Most Improved Community Project.

This is the second glass trophy and engraved salver for Outstanding Achievement MCIB has received in the very short 2.5 years since the group was formed. The group agreed that this was a much needed Boost to Morale. John reported that the evening was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyable.

5. Update re Playground Fencing:

Following the meeting held on 6th October to discuss concerns raised by a local resident, the fencing has been removed.

6. Update re Commons Road Residents Meeting:

Kay reported on the outcome of several meetings in that non-residents of Commons Road are not permitted to park unless they have a parking permit. Notices have been attached to posts along the road and all residents issued with permits for themselves and their visitors. Only those displaying these permits will be allowed to park on the road. Fines will be issued to those not adhering to this policy.

A recent incident involving a resident of Commons Road and a parent dropping their child off at St John's School was discussed. People are continuing to use this private road and park illegally despite letters from School and new warning signs being installed. The pothole has now been repaired at a cost to the residents of Commons Road. Kay also mentioned that despite several requests to the Council, the drains along the road will no longer be cleared free of charge.

7. Update re Anti-Social Behaviour on the Football Field & resiting of the replacement bench:

Linda reported that the bench has now been treated and is ready for John to install in the original position near to the trees at the back of the football field. Unfortunately, the weather has been so bad it has not been possible for John to carry out this work. It will be done as soon as possible. Linda mentioned her plan to treat the benches ready for the winter but once again has been held up by the constant rain.

Action: Linda / John

8. Update re the Crossing Campaign:

Maxine reported that this is still on-going and many signatures on the petition have been collected. It is hoped that another meeting with the relevant personnel can be arranged on site to discuss the urgency and need for a safe crossing to be installed at the gateway. The busway is progressing, with many safe pedestrian crossings along the route.

Action: MCIB

9. Heritage Trail and Plaques:

John reported that he is trying to source for a bracket to re-attach the blue plaque detailing the history of the miner. Discussion followed regarding local history and the plans for a full blue heritage plaque trail around the village.

Eddies Motor Spares used to be known as Co-op No. 3 Mosley Common 1882 comprising a butchers, grocers and cobblers. The current proprietor is happy to have a plaque on his building to reflect this information. Fred kindly offered to do some research about the history of the building so we can cost up another blue heritage plaque.

Action: John / Fred/Maxine

10. Newsletter:

Louise produced an A3 (4 page) Newsletter this time and the overall opinion was that it was excellent, publishing lots of information. It was mentioned that the Conservative Club may be interested in advertising in advertising in the MCIB Newsletter.

11. Update regarding the Christmas Wreath Workshop:

Several people have booked for the workshop and Louise arranged for a local florist (Passion Flower Florist on Sale Lane) to attend as a demonstrator. Following conversations with Adele, the florist, Linda asked how the group would feel about the florist supplying the foliage at a cost. Linda felt this would take any responsibility from Gordon in having to cut it as he kindly did last year. This suggestion was agreed with the proviso that the event does not run at a loss to MCIB. The Evergreen ladies will be organising and serving Festive food, i.e. sausage rolls, mince pies, chocolate logs, sherry, port, mulled wine (inc. non-alcoholic) and orange juice. Mavis has arranged to hold a raffle and will kindly supply the prizes. John offered to provide the PA system for the evening.

Action: MCIB

12. Christmas Outing - Friday 18th December at The John Gilbert:

The table has been booked and the deposit paid. The normal pub menu was decided upon rather than the Christmas menu. Dress Code - Christmas Jumpers (optional). Thirteen have booked so far.

Action: Linda

13. Plans for Clean for the Queen's 90th Birthday 05/03/2016:

Suggestions for the type of tree to plant to honour the Queen will be discussed at the next meeting. It may be possible to request Bents Garden Centre to donate and a visit is to be made to see what varieties of tree they stock. Costs also need to be checked for tree and plaque. Wording for the plaque needs to be agreed.

Action: MCIB

14. Pit Tubs:

Maxine reported that this project must move forward as soon as possible. It was agreed that MCIB has raised enough funds to pay for help in submitting plans for the necessary planning permission to enable the pit tubs to be sited at the Gateway. It may be possible to speak with a Salford Architect who deals with Salford Council for advice on this. Fred said he will be shortly attending a meeting with personnel from Urban Vision and may be able to obtain a name of an Architect as a contact. The group felt this would be very helpful.

Action: Maxine

15. Any Other Business:

a) Winter Planting:

Maxine has been informed by Nick Burdekin that there is no budget this year for MCIB winter plants for the wheel flowerbed and asked if MCIB can fund the flowers for this bed in future. The group felt this was a little unfair as this is the only flowerbed which Wigan Council fund and MCIB do the labour i.e. Planting and maintaining. MCIB plant and maintain all the other beds around the village. Therefore, it was decided that the wheel be cleared of the summer begonias. Maxine will pursue Wigan for the funding of the plants.

A supply of crocus bulbs has been generously donated by Astley Rotary Club and after some discussion it was decided to plant these in the circular flowerbeds on the green as soon as possible. A thank you letter is to be sent to Astley Rotary Club c/o Mr Alan Anders for this kind donation.

Action: Maxine/Linda

b) Paint for the Wheel:

John requested that paint be supplied for the wheel. It was decided this should be painted Matt Black with Gold writing.

Action: MCIB

c) Ellenbrook Village Association:

As requested, Linda has passed a copy of the MCIB Minutes to the Ellenbrook Village Association (EVA) and has asked for an e-mail address in order that future copies can be sent to them.

Action: Linda

16. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next MCIB meeting will be held on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Lindale Hall.