

8. Blue Heritage Plaque:

The Blue Heritage Plaque has now been fitted to the miner sculpture. Although this plaque is rather large it does provide important information about the mining heritage of the area.

9. Green Flag Status:

Maxine reported that she has this in hand to complete the application form by the end of January 2015.

Action: Maxine

10. 3 x Benches + 1 new bin for the Football Field:

Arrangements are in progress for the provision of the 3 benches plus 1 litter bin for the football field. The funding for these is being shared by S106, the Councillors and MCIB.

Action: Maxine

11. Memorial Benches:

Both Linda Speakman and Mavis Grundy have expressed a wish to purchase a memorial bench each. These will be placed on the football field for the benefit of the community and will have a memorial plaque attached bearing the words of their choice. The two benches have been ordered and will be installed by John on a flagged base in a location chosen by both Linda and Mavis from those agreed and available. The cost is £600.

Action: Maxine/MCIB

12. Adoption of Flower Beds Scheme:

The scheme to find residents to adopt a flower bed on the Common is in progress. Kay and Andrea have kindly offered to adopt flower beds - Kay 9 and 10 and Andrea 7 and 8. All these beds are on the Mosley Common Road side of the Common and markers have been placed in the appropriate beds. Linda has adopted bed 1 near to St John's School.

Action: Linda

13. Feedback from Media and Promotional Development Manager:

Unfortunately there has been no contact from Max, although it was clarified that he has opened a face book account for the group.

Action: Max S

14. Progress on the Website:

Maxine is meeting with Ann Eccles for a training session with PJ WEBB on 25/1/2015 and will feed back to the meeting.

Action: Maxine

15. Newsletter:

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in the Spring and is to include information on the proposal for Bat and Bug boxes, and details of the proposed Miners' Social to be held at Lindale Hall on Saturday 18th April at 2pm.

Action: Louise

16. Any Other Business:

a) Maxine reported that Damian Jenkinson is no longer employed by the Council and they are hoping to advertise his vacant post shortly.

b) It is hoped that the group will receive a donation of £500 worth of materials from Balfour Beatty

c) Discussion took place regarding merchandise for the group to sell, i.e. Forever Bags, notelets, mugs, tea-towels and possibly pictures / postcards depicting the past history of the area. Louise will look into this.

Action: Louise/Maxine

d) Wigan have now accepted land ownership of the children's Play Area as they have looked after

this land for the past 50 years, which means we can now approach Viridor for funding for re-surfacing. Councillor Taylor said the next meeting is on 19th March and plans for funding have to be submitted by the end of February. Jennie will be re-submitting the funding application. Councillor Platt has asked for the last 2 years finance statements for MCIB to attach to the application.

Action: MCIB

- e) The Leigh Journal is no longer being delivered which creates a problem in terms of advertising events and publication of pictures etc. The group is awaiting feedback from News Quest on this.
- f) Following John's complaints regarding dog fouling in the area, the templates on the ground have been re-painted. John expressed thanks for this.
- g) It was reported by Councillor Taylor that Tyldesley residents are very impressed with the Christmas lights in Mosley Common. The group were very pleased to hear this feedback. Tyldesley are looking to get the same next year for the town.
- h) Councillor Taylor said he will be attending a meeting of the New Tyldesley Town Partnership tomorrow. The new group is to focus on positivity in the area, and as MCIB have noticeably been positively active they have been invited to join.
- l) Kay raised the question of the yellow parking signs on Commonside Road and has requested extra signs in an effort to stop illegal parking along the road by people dropping children off at the school. Discussion followed and Maxine asked that the existing signs on the Common be removed but raised no objection to Commonside Road residents displaying these signs on their garden walls. Kay asked in the absence of John if he would be willing to remove the signs from the Common. Maxine said she would approach him.

Action: Maxine / Kay/John

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February at 7.30 pm. At The Boundary Stone.

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