

Doxey Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2005

Present: Nigel Barnett, John Corcoran, Susan Corcoran, Isabella Davies, Sarah Jessop, Sally Hems, Carol Haigh, David Hughes, Joan Moore, John Perks, Pat Perks, Barbara Simpson, Gill Smith, Mike Turner

Apologies: Joyce Beach, Tom Beach, Michelle Elliot, Jane Essex, Stephen Moore

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2005

Jane Essex was approached to be a trustee, not Gill Smith; otherwise the minutes were approved as a correct record

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2005

Parish Council Eleven nominations were received, Doxey requires nine parish councillors and as two nominees withdrew there will be no need for an election. The chair thanked and congratulated everyone. Councillors are David Adams, Nigel Barnett, Isabella Davies, Carol Haigh, David Hughes, Mick Johnson, Philip Kinnersley, Stephen Moore and John Peel. The councillors are now awaiting details of the first meeting.

3. Youth Forum

There was no formal report as SF is out of action and the young people were involved in Village Voices rehearsals. MT reported that a number of young people had approached him about a lack of facilities on the playing field. JM reminded the group that the Borough play strategy stated that there would be no new equipment provided all investment would be put into maintaining existing facilities, which means Doxey has missed out. MT will write to Mike Heenan about the situation.

4. Village Voices

Over two weeks the writer and director, musical director and two actors hosted intensive rehearsals at the church. The play is a series of stories about Doxey people and incidents woven together to show a history of the village ranging from VE Day celebrations to the opening of the M6 motorway. There have been a number of minor set backs due to illness of key characters but rehearsals have gone very well and the steering group were glad to report that it has engaged a wide range of people aged 7 to 70! Their hard work was acknowledged. Rehearsals are continuing and Stephen Moore is supporting the actors and Geoff Moore is working with the musicians. A legacy of the project could be the creation of an on-going music and drama group. Everyone is welcome to watch current rehearsals and reminded that tickets are available from Bradbury Rise Stores, Doxey Stores, Barbara Simpson and Tourist Office in Stafford. Individual tickets are £2.50 and family tickets are £6, but there will be some availability on the door at a cost of £3 with no concessions. Dates are still Saturday 30th April at 7.30 pm and Sunday 1st May at 3.30 pm. The publicity group has designed a promotional flyer and posters are being processed. TV and Radio have been informed and expressed an interest in the project. Local representatives, e.g. Borough Councillors will receive personal invitations.

Unfortunately the Co-op bid was unsuccessful, however this shortfall can be met from other sources. We are currently awaiting news from the Charity Commission because once we have charitable status we are able to apply to many more sources. The play is being adapted into a professional production for Mikron's 4 person touring play and will premiere in Doxey on Saturday 11th June.

5. Programme for 2005

- Posters are being produced and will be displayed to promote Clear Out Day on 8th May
- JM has had difficulty contacting Inspector Grainger but will ask him to speak at the AGM. The new vicar was also suggested as a good public speaker, as was a representative of the police authority.
- Due to the fire JM and SM are unable to supply seedlings and plant pots for the plant sale on 14th May at the Three Tuns, however other sources have pledged to help. If anyone has any spare plant pots please bring them along. Bric-a-brac will also be for sale on the day.
- Fun day has been confirmed as Saturday 13th August. Concerns were raised about certain activities posing a possible danger so a list of activities will be given to Playaway so they are able to confirm if races such as the three-legged event have been banned!
- DH has investigated the possibility of a trip to Blackpool in late September or early October. People are able to book on scheduled trips already operated by Happy Days or hire a 54-seater coach. Tickets would cost £10 each but donations from local firms, such as Universal will be sought to supplement this. DH has approximately 20 people interested so far.

6. Doxey Times

- Village Voices
- Advertisement of the availability of the mobile library which is located at Doxey House between 2.00 and 2.35 pm and 2.40 – 2.50 pm on The Drive opposite the post box on alternate Tuesdays
- The AGM, plant sale, fun day date and clear out day will all be included
- If the date of the first parish council meeting has been decided this will be included as will a list of all the councillors.

7. Correspondence

The renewal of DCA's Community Matters membership has been requested and will be paid. Joan also received copies of the Sundial magazine.

8. Any Other Business

The August meeting will be a social event and catering will be arranged by DH and SH as it was last year. All are welcome

9. Date of next meeting

The AGM will be held on 11th May 2005. It will be held at the church from 7.00 pm when refreshments will be served and the meeting will officially begin at 7.30 pm.