



## MINUTES - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Present:** Heidi, Clare, Elizabeth, Wendy, Stuart, Kathleen, Philip Schofield

### 1.) Welcome

Heidi opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### 2.) Apologies

Jason Parker, Paul Bellinger, Martin Blower

### 3.) Actions from Previous Meeting

Martin has completed a document/proposal for work on the pump/ornamental pond. Heidi read out the key points and the document was circulated for approval amongst the group. A copy was also given to Philip for review. This is a comprehensive document and the group thank Martin for his hard work. The costs to the group will be approximately £2,800 plus VAT.

### 4.) Finance Update

We currently have £13,175.55 in the bank, which includes the grant of £500 from Greetland and Stainland Ward Forum for regenerating the MUGA area.

### 5.) MUGA

The group and the Council have received a few complaints regarding the demolition of the MUGA and changing rooms. We have invited people to attend the meeting to discuss their views and put forward any ideas on how this area could be used in future - however no one has attended any of our recent meetings.

To help with obtaining views we have a survey on the web site ([shawpark.org.uk](http://shawpark.org.uk)), which 4 people have completed so far and Wendy has also drafted a letter that can be distributed to schools and local residents to help obtain people's view on what should be done with the MUGA area. We have received a couple of suggestions so far.

We have been successful with our application for funding from the Greetland and Stainland Ward Forum - and have received the maximum donation of £500. The funding is to create a community garden and must be spent by March 2016.

### 6.) Volunteer Days

Philip and Clare have received a number of requests to hold volunteering days over the next few months. We have agreed on the following so far:

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May - national Give & Gain Day - Employee Volunteering CiC will be attending with approx 30 people. General maintenance work and tidying up will be completed.
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Lloyds Banking Group will attend with approx 20 people - general maintenance work and tidying up is planned.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Lloyds Banking Group have asked for 40 people to attend - so we planned for them to refurbish the bridge and clear out the lower pond. **Update - CN responded to confirm arrangements, however, this group have since decided not to attend on this date.**
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July - regular group volunteer day - possibly look to tidy up the plantation.

Heidi is to approach the United Reformed Church to see if we can use their facilities on our planned volunteer days. A member of the group will attend each day to assist with making tea and coffee and to oversee use of the church. HH to confirm the church are in agreement.

CN to respond to those groups who are interested to confirm dates and arrangements.

## **7). Any Other Business**

- Toads - Elizabeth reported that local children have been caught slaughtering the toad population in the park in a very barbaric way. This has understandably caused considerable upset amongst local residents and especially to those people who caught the children in the act. The incident has been reported to local schools and the council. Wendy is to draft a letter to local police/community officers regarding a greater presence in the village/park to try and help stop this kind of mindless vandalism.

## **8). Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.00pm, Holywell Green United Reformed Church. All welcome.