

Blacksnape Residents' Group Minutes held at Red Lion on Wed 28th April at 7.30 pm

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Present: Jane Cook (Chair); Susan Holden (Minutes); Sylvia Berry; Keith Holmes ; Cath Holmes; PCSO McCool; Andrew Mead; Christine Robinson, David Robinson; Sue Skipper; Martyn Skipper; David West; Sarah West.

Apologies: David Neville; Christine Neville;

Minutes of previous meeting ratified as true & accurate record

Matters arising:

- MS asked Shaun if the noticeboard could be re-sited at the Red Lion. Shaun agreed to this and will let us know of an exact site.
- The walk to Belthorn was enjoyed by all who participated. People from outside the village turned up, and luckily they knew the route

Agenda Items

1. **Constitution:** MS has written his draft constitution and will post it on the web site for discussion at the next meeting. SH apologised for not completing hers, MS will investigate the possibility of creating a comment forum on the web site.
2. **Morecambe Sands Walk:** DW has arranged for us to join the RNL party at a cost of £5 per person, children free. The walk is from Arnside to Kents Bank. MS will investigate the cost of a mini bus and put transport arrangements on the web site.
3. **Car Parking:** DN has spoken to the ground staff at the Playing Fields, who told him that the key for the land which could provide additional parking is held at Blackburn. The land is used for the delivery of materials such as sand/gravel. It is kept locked to prevent motor homes/caravans parking there. The ground staff will talk to BwDBC about opening the land just on Sundays. It was suggested that a notice be displayed stating that the car park is for football purposes only, and will be locked 15 minutes after the last game. DN will contact the ground staff again. Councillor Chris Thorpe is investigating the matter.
4. **Dry Stone walls:** SH had contacted Mrs Pawson, some of the loose stones had been removed from the pavement, but no repairs have been done. JC suggested contacting the Youth Offending Team to see if repairing the walls would be a suitable project for their Payback project. PCSO Leigh-Anne McCool said that she would contact the team on our behalf and ask them to contact JC. DW to contact Nick Pawson about the scheme, and also to inform him that the cows are still getting out of their field, and have been seen on the road.
5. **Future Events:**

Village Tidy up Day - 6 th June.	Ideas for what needs to be done and what materials we will need to be brought to next meeting.
ScareCrow Festival 3 rd 10 th July	JC and SW to attend next ERN meeting and pay for 10 entries.
BBQ 14 th August.	Alicia has offered to host this event.
6. **Next Chair:** AM and SW have offered to jointly chair the next meeting. Thanks to both of you.
7. **AOB**

Martyn and Sue told the meeting of the North West Neighbourhood Watch forum in Preston which they attended. They were shown a video which gave tips for preventing SCAM mail. There is a service which many scammers use whereby the mail has a local post mark, but in reality is from abroad, notably Zambia. Beware!

They were told NEVER to buy from any company (charities, amenities, security) on the doorstep.

Martyn and Sue were told of grants that are available for small local projects for between £50 and £500 under the Small Projects Grant Scheme. No constitution or bank account is necessary, but the group will hold the funds.

SH told the meeting of a scheme run by BwDC whereby people over 60 may be entitled to two free hours of a tradesman's time. MS to discuss with over 60s.

JC proposed a vote of thanks to MS for reviving the Resident's Group, and for all the hard work he has done. This was fully endorsed by the meeting.

MS has had an email, via the web site, asking if anyone knows the location of the building in Blacksnape where the founder of the Accrington Pals was born.

The next walk will be a Scarecrow Walk on the 4th July. Route details to be decided later.
8. **Date of Next meeting:** Thursday 27th May, 7.30 at the Red Lion.