



Stainland and District Parish Council 1st Parish Assembly 24th May 2018

Chair Judith Crossley welcomed the representatives of groups attending and introduced the temporary councillors who were present – Jean Redford, Thelma Hodgkinson, Lisa Fieldhouse, Malcolm James, Heidi Mattei, Su Halliday

Holywell Green Community Pub Ltd - Mark and Heather Stead

The group is a not-for-profit organization working towards the purchase of The Holywell Green Inn. The group have been active since 2013 and fought against the owners plans to convert the building in to flats. £200K in grants and loans has been raised towards the purchase and renovation. The plan is that the building can then be converted for use as a community hub with a bar, day time café and function room. Other uses may include a Police drop in center, blood transfusion base. The group is selling shares for £25 per month over 4 years. The PC may be able to support by purchasing shares if appropriate.

St Helen's Place (Pennine Housing/Together Housing Accommodation for Older Residents) Julie

There are 13 Bungalows and a communal space. The residents enjoy days out, coffee mornings and bingo and are joined by residents from other areas such as Sowood and Greetland. Transport is an issue for residents getting out and about – the bungalows are built on a steep hill which makes walking a problem for some residents.

Community transport could be a future goal for the PC that would benefit residents.

Julie also raised concerns over cleaning, garden maintenance and the loose surface of the car park which is difficult for residents to cross on foot and for visitors to park on.

It was suggested that the parish council could advocate on behalf of the residents regarding the car park by finding out who the responsible officer is at Together Housing.

Stainland Sports Association - Rob Swire

The association is working with 4 sports clubs (football, cricket, bowling and rugby) to develop a new pavilion and astro turf area on the old tennis courts in Stainland memorial park with funding from Sport England. They are supported by Bowling Green School which has no green space for students.

All 4 groups need to be integrated in to one organization to apply for grants at the moment each has their own committee. However SSA have negotiated a rent free 5 year lease of the rugby and football pitches from CMBC

in return for maintenance. The group has purchased a grass mower and cut the pitches themselves to improve playing conditions.

More volunteers are needed, (architect, legal skills)

Sowood Women's Institute – Jackie Swire

The group has 133 members and a waiting list. Meetings are held weekly and activities include talks, book club, cooking, craft and gardening. Members also help out at St Andrew's Church Community Café.

The group has previously raised funds for and purchased 5 defibrillators for the area and trained members and residents how to use them.

This year the group is working to create a poppy trail around the area to commemorate local war veterans. This year's nominated charity is Stainland Spots Association.

Stainland and District Community Association - Thelma Hodgkinson

SADCA's campaign to create a new parish council has now been completed and some of the members are now acting as temporary councillors until elections in May 2019.

In recent years the group has painted the exterior of the library, redesigned and planted and maintain the garden

and raised money for 3 large planters which members also plant and maintain along with several other garden areas. The group applies regularly for ward forum grants and a recent grant has been used to rebuild the dry stone wall in Stainland Memorial Park.

Currently SADCA are consulting with residents about new play equipment for Sowood Park and funding which has already been awarded from local businesses and organizations will be match funded by CMBC.

A question was raised about facilities for young people in Holywell Green. The five aside football pitch in Shaw park which was demolished was well used by young groups as the only flat space in Holywell Green suitable for football.

A question was also raised about the appropriateness of the wild flowers that have now been planted on the old pitch area making completely unusable for any ball games.

Crafty Dabblers – Jean Redford

The craft group meets in Stainland Library and pay rent to CMBC for use of the facility. The group likes to enter competitions with their work and participate in local events. Their Work includes a significant collage depicting all aspects of village life which now hangs in Stainland Library.

St Andrew's Church- Holywell Green United Reformed Church -Jean Redford

St Andrew's Time Out Group has a monthly speaker, provide a luncheon club and many varied and regular events for residents. Both churches have community room's and kitchen facilities.

Sowood Community Centre –Malcolm James

The site and building is to be purchased by the merged pre- school and community center CIO on a 125 year lease from CMBC. The building is currently used by a range of organizations and further consultation with residents is planned about developing new uses.

Judith thanked all for attending and explained how to contact the Parish Council and ask for support.