

Doxey Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2006

Present: Nigel Barnett, Sue Fox, Sally Hems, David Hughes, Joan Moore, Stephen Moore, Denise Peel, Eileen Skelton, Gill Smith, Claire Turner, Mike Turner, Sam Turner

Apologies: Hannah Burgess, John Corcoran, Susan Corcoran, Tunga Mazangaza, John Perks, Pat Perks, Barbara Simpson, Adrian Venables

1 Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March were agreed as correct record, subject to the following amendments.

2 Forthcoming events

- (a) Clear-out day set for 23 April. Volunteers required to supervise between 12.45 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.
- (b) Plant sale set for 6 May. Anything garden related will be sold. The hope is that the proceeds will cover the cost of printing Doxey Times for the next 12 months
- (c) Blackpool trip. So far 23 people have given a firm indication of wishing to go.
- (d) Doxey Day Various options and dates for Doxey Day and how other organisations might be involved were discussed. It was **agreed** that the DCA would work with the Doxey School Parent Teachers Association (PTA) on their summer fete. There was no ideal date for this as all Saturdays had some event on. The date finally agreed on to put to the PTA was **Saturday, 24 June**. The idea was that, while DCA members would help to run stalls at the fete, other organisations would be able to have a presence for their own sake and raise money thereby, if they wished. It was agreed that **David Hughes and Mike Turner** would attend the next meeting of the PTA to represent the DCA in discussions of the fete. It was hoped that the parish council would also appoint two representatives to attend the PTA meeting. The possibility of involving the PTA from King Edward's School was discussed.

3 Visit of the Queen to Stafford

Eileen Skelton gave an account of her activities as representative of the DCA at the reception and church service on the occasion of the Queen's visit to Stafford. She had very much enjoyed the day and thanked the DCA for making it possible.

4 Pantomime

A report on progress was given. An appeal was made for people to make cakes for the interval. Also, Courtney needed a ball dress. Members were encouraged to buy tickets.

5 Annual General Meeting

Forms had been prepared for nomination for trustees and officers. A proposer and seconder were required and the person being proposed would be required to sign to indicate willingness to serve. All signing must be members of the Association. Some minor amendments to the forms were agreed. Availability of the forms would be advertised in Doxey Times

6 Parish Council

Nigel Barnett gave a brief report. A grant of £360 had been given for a breakfast club to be started at Doxey School. The Parish Council's website - at www.doxeyparishcouncil.co.uk - was now operational.

7 Parish Plan

Mike Turner gave a brief report. Most households in Doxey should now have received their questionnaires and the remainder should receive them soon. The three dimensional map of Doxey should be completed by the end of May. As well as being available for view in the school it will be on view elsewhere in Doxey.

8 Youth Forum

A meeting of the Youth Forum had taken place immediately before this DCA meeting. April Turner had given details of the Doxey Marshes project where young people would meet with older people to record the latter's reminiscences of the Marshes. The Forum was still interested in the leisure barn project, but the position may have to be reviewed if the parish council purchases the Universal Function Suite. It might be useful to seek a meeting with the owners of the site most favoured for the leisure barn. There was some doubt as to who this is.

9 Possible youth club

The meeting for the older age group had been attended by 12 potential members. Rules for a youth club had been drafted and the idea of a committee floated. The meeting for the younger age group was to take place on 26 April.

10 Doxey Times

The following items were suggested

Plant sale	AGM	Parish plan	Mikron visit
Doxey Day	Doxey Day	Blackpool trip	Playgroup

11 Proposals for the M6

Mike Turner stated that the issue of the M6 was included in the parish plan questionnaire. He intended to write further letters - to David Kidney, the press, etc. He requested to be put in touch with GAME - the Group Against Motorway Expansion, though he doubted whether their objective of no motorway expansion was realistic.

12 Correspondence

- (a) Climate change in Staffordshire
- (b) Connexions
- (c) The Spring 2006 issue of Sundial, the newsletter of Stafford's Local Agenda 21, had been received.
- (d) The spring newsletter of Stafford and District Voluntary Services (SDVS) had been received.
- (e) SCIO
- (f) A letter had been received from the Doxey Pre-School Playgroup, setting out the problems it was currently facing, which threatened the viability of the Playgroup. These were (a) the difficulty of finding people to serve on the committee and, ultimately, as officers (because of its status as a registered charity, officers could not serve indefinitely) and (b) it was unlikely that the playgroup could attract sufficient children who were either financed by the government or whose parents were able/prepared to pay, to enable the Playgroup to meet its costs. DCA members were invited to express an interest in serving on the committee and/or invite other people they know to do the same. It was **agreed** (1) to put the matter on the agenda at the next meeting of the DCA, (2) to put an article in Doxey Times, (3) to offer help in applying for grants.

13 Other business

Sue Fox was welcomed back to her first meeting after her illness.

14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be the AGM, on Wednesday 10 May at 7.00 p.m., with refreshments served from 7.00 p.m.