

NENTHEAD WARD MEETING
Monday 30th May 2022
Nenthead Village hall 7.00pm

Minutes

Present:-Milly Rudd, Brian Aves, Maxine Denoual, Noah Denoual, Graham Ransom

Apologies:-Laura Seaton, Jackie Carnell, Sheila Barker, Kim Holden, Zerel Robson, Elaine Grew, Alison Baker, Alistair Robertson, Ron Robinson, Christine Habberjam

Election of Vice Chair

Maxine Denoual is now Vice Chair. Nominated by Milly Rudd, 2nd by Brian Aves

Minutes from previous meeting on 28th March 2022 – approved by Noah Denoual, 2nd by Brian Aves

Matters Arising

1. Minutes from Nent Ward Meetings to be put on Facebook. Brian Aves will do this.
2. There has been no update about the generator in Nenthead. Discussion still ongoing about where it should be kept, and how to maintain it. Graham Ransom will chase up some finding if possible from the CC
3. Vicarage and Hillersdon Terrace signage still ongoing!

Reports

1. Meeting with the Coal Authority on 18th May regarding Water treatment – please see enclosed notes from Milly
Coal Authority emailed their response to the meeting- they thanked residents for attendance and their “open and honest” questions. They are now collating all the feedback and questions they received during the meeting, so they can address the concerns raised. The independent facilitator will share these with Nenthead Community and other stakeholders over the next few months. They are aiming to share more information before the end of June, and welcome any further thoughts and opinions! Maxine Denoual stressed that negotiation, not confrontation, is needed in our dealings with the CA.
2. Ambulance
There is a need for more Emergency Volunteers. Discussion ongoing with no particularly satisfactory conclusions to date.
3. The Hive
No report but Brian said they are in desperate need of staff for kitchen and front
4. Nenthead Community Shop – Brian Aves reporting
Not a lot has changed. Erica Morgan and Brian are getting stock from Booker, but prices are rising rapidly and rules have changed which make it more difficult. People need to use it as much as possible. Graham ransom suggested a regular drop off of fruit and veg. Brian said he could ask Paul who sells at Market Cross, Alston, to come on his way through Nenthead. Adam Herdman still brings in fruit and veg, but people need to buy it!
5. Nenthead Community Project Group – email update
The first fundraising event went well. It was held in the Village hall in April, and hoping to have another in July. Nenthead fountain restoration is ongoing, still looking for quotations for this, using the initial condition report commissioned by the Parish Council. An historical statement, required by EDC before renovations can be considered, is being prepared.

The community Project group also arranged the planting of the tree for the Platinum Jubilee. A ceremony took place on 26th May, with special guests Alan Thompson and Nenthead Primary School. A Rowan tree was planted near the entrance to the car park opposite the play area. The tree was donated by AMPC, who are also arranging a decorative plinth and plaque. Thanks to everyone!

NCP are also hoping to replace damaged benches on the school playing field. Enquiries have been made to Parish Council who have given permission to use the bench by Carr Shields turn off, together with metal ends from other benches removed from other sites. These can be restored to make new ones.

6. Village Hall – Brian Aves reporting

The drinks stock in the cellar has been robbed, but the Hall wasn't actually broken into. Unclear what has happened, but it is a sad event for the village. However, there will be donations of drinks etc. so that the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations can still be a good event, taking place on the 3rd June, with the Mount Hooley Band.

7. Community Toilets

The AGM was held earlier in May. Laura Seaton was appointed Chair, Peter Thompson as Vice-Chair. Getting quotes to update sanitary ware is taking time, with only one so far, and a final bid to find others will be made. Water bill issues have been resolved. Erica Morgan has offered to join the cleaning rota, along with Rita, Alison and Laura. Milly also offered to help. Maxine and Noah Denoual will cut the grass and Zerel and Laura planting tubs and baskets.

The manhole cover will need replacing. Brian Aves offered a replacement frame from the Village Hall. There are plans to install timers for Christmas lights and decorations. The stone house collection box is to be raised off the ground. All donations are appreciated, and help with running costs. Thank you to the contributors.

8. Any Other business

1. Snowplough – new gritter truck has been named “Margrit”. Andy from the crew has volunteered to drive on 3rd June to join the celebrations at the Village Hall. Maxine Denoual and Zerel Robson will decorate her with bunting! Hoping to have AGM soon.
2. Sheila barker sent an email to say she has retired and stood down as a trustee of the NMCS, and will no longer be representing the NMCS in Nenthead. She will continue to look after the wildflower patch at the bottom of the car park, near the bridge. She has been a member and trustee of the NMCS for many years. Thank you to Sheila for her representation at the meetings.

Meeting ended at 20.29

Next meeting Monday 25th July 7.00pm, Village Hall