



*c/o: Ossett Community Centre,  
Prospect Road, Ossett, WF5 8AN.*

## **Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2010**

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Ruth Amos, Peter Savage, David Mitchell, Janet Jones, Lynn Ross, Simone Bunney, Elizabeth Knowles, Ann Metcalfe, Roger Thornton, Ian Bunney, David Smith, Alyson Ripley, Alec Metcalfe, Angela Taylor, Richard Taylor, Mark Pescod

**Apologies:** Rachael Winstanley, Ian Day, Caron Ryalls, Margaret Wilby, Tony Sargeant

### **1. Introduction & Welcome from the Chair**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

### **2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 30 September 2010 were approved.

**Approved:** David Mitchell

**Seconded:** David Smith

### **3. Matters Arising**

The damage done in Green Park has been reported to WMDC. Repairs have been done to the flooring and the swings are back in place. The chair has thanked WMDC for their work in Green Park.

The street cleaner has been operating in Ossett and improvements in the state of the pavements has been noticed.

Peter Savage and David Mitchell attended the funding event which was well attended.

### **4. Ossett Events – See social calendar**

The Newcastle trip is going ahead. We were originally going to go to the Guildhall but we are now unable to do so but the trip will go ahead on SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER. Tickets will be available from the Ossett Review office or the Chair. Price will be £17 or £16 for a member.

Trips for next year. Suggestions were:

Snowdrops at Hodsocks round the end of February/March

Spalding for the bulbs

Spring flower show at Harrogate

Whitby

Pickering

Christmas markets at Lincoln

At the Ossett Christmas lights switch on 27 November, our stall will be open 10.00am to 6.00pm. Notelets and bags would be sold on the stall. Hopefully we will have the OCT Newsletter. We also agreed to have a tombola. **PLEASE REMEMBER** to bring prizes for the tombola to the next meeting or anyone with any donations can drop them off with Janet at 131 Station Road. Janet and Lynn agreed to organise this.

### **5. Newsletter and website**

Thanks to Ian Day for redesigning and relaunching the website. We all agreed that it was really good.

### **6. Secretary's report**

In response to our request for information about those who died during the wars, it had been suggested that the person who modeled for the Ossett War Memorial was Harry Brown. We were unsure how accurate this was and agreed that we needed more research. A list of all those who died is up on the wall of Trinity Church. We would organize a wreath for 11 November. The march to the cenotaph will take place this year and Ruth will let members know the time. Ruth asked if members could attend if possible to show respect to those who died during the wars.

David Mitchell, David Smith and Ruth attended the Civic Trust Area meeting in Wakefield. Instead of celebrating Civic Societies week in 2012, there is a suggestion that we celebrate the Queens's Diamond Jubilee, which will take place in 2012. One suggestion would be to have a party in the centre of Ossett. We could involve the schools, churches and other organisations. We all agreed that we would be willing to organize this.

Tony has been involved in the Dewsbury Civic Trust awards process and he will give a report back to the next meeting.

On Tuesday 2 November 2010, 6.30pm – 8.30pm Horbury High School will be hosting a new Area Forum. This is our opportunity to understand plans for our neighborhood, have our say about our community and be in dialogue with WMDC. It was considered to be good to have this forum, which will meet 3 times a year, however it would be more effective if it was better publicised.

## 7. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported the current balances and there was a reminder to anyone who has not yet paid to pay their annual subs to Lynn.

## 8. Planning Report

The planning report was brief as it had been difficult to get any information because the system has been down. Nothing of note is happening in Ossett other than a house being partially demolished and built up to a 4 bedroomed house. The Commercial pub site will have its planning permission considered by the Committee shortly and it was generally agreed that something needed to be done to improve the site. The proposal is for housing. The proposal for the scrap yard in Flushdyke has had a number of objections, organised from an anonymous source.

## 9. Roads & Parks

The Council have agreed to fund improvements in Illingworth Park. There are two very good officers from the Council working on this and there is a design for putting new equipment in the play area. The football club are also putting in planning permission for improved changing areas on their own land, which is adjacent to the Park.

The end of Prospect Road where it meets Queens Street is in a very bad condition and this has been reported to the Council.

Hillcrest Avenue – there are proposals to place bollards there. Road Safety is objecting to this and the OCT members could see no benefit from this.

## 10. Social Calendar

Date	Event
<b>Ideas for future events that can be arranged</b>	
	Trip to Ossett Brewery; Ian Clayton Evening; Theatre Trip; Ossett Open Gardens, Snowdrops at Hodsocks round the end of February/March, Spalding for the bulbs, Spring flower show at Harrogate, Whitby, Pickering, Christmas markets at Lincoln
<b>Past Events during 2010</b>	
<b>3 April</b>	Eggstravaganza at Green Park, 10am to 12noon.

<b>15 April</b>	Members night out at Ghandi Spice, Ossett
<b>17 April</b>	Crazy golf night at Primrose Hall, Horbury
<b>24 April</b>	Trip to Liverpool
<b>1 May</b>	Gawthorpe May Day
<b>10 July</b>	Ossett Gala
<b>24 July</b>	Barbeque in the Jones' garden
<b>8 August</b>	Trip to see the Tall Ships at Hartlepool
<b>4 September</b>	Elizabethans dinner – a formal 'do'
<b>Planned Events</b>	
<b>27 November</b>	Ossett Lights switch on. Christmas Fayre. OCT to have a stall – selling notelets,
<b>4 December</b>	Trip to Newcastle and the Metro Centre
<b>19 February 2011</b>	Road Safety dinner
<b>March 2011</b>	Tracy Beaker at the Town Hall

#### 11. Any Other Business

It was suggested that we each bring something to eat for the meeting in November and some wine.

We agreed to go for an OCT meal in January. We also thought that we could have an OCT dinner with an award ceremony in 2012. We looked at the menu and availability of the Community Centre and it seemed to be good value and good quality. We agreed to go to the Ghandi Spice in January and the Community Centre in March. Suggest Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January for a curry. Richard will report back to the next meeting.

A member recently attended an event showing archive films, 'Timeline.' **TIMELINE** is an project run by One to One Productions to promote film and screen heritage in a range of venues across Wakefield District. The company arrange screening of locally made films and footage from professionals and amateurs. It was noted that there were no films about Ossett and Horbury. If people do have any cine films of the locality, let us know or contact the website - [www.onetooneproductions.com/timeline](http://www.onetooneproductions.com/timeline) or phone 07901686142. We agreed to put a request for films on the OCT website. The company copies the film and it is returned to the individual.

The Ossett sign on Sowood bends has disappeared. The Councillors were asked to ask for its replacement. Ideally, we would like an individual signs.

Outside the Tap, there is a sign saying that there is a real ale pub trail showing a trail across the school field. This should be taken down as it is not appropriate to show a crossing across the school field.

Thanks was given by Angela to those who came on the march to Dewsbury to demonstrate against the closure of the tip and the setting up of a travelers site. Over 700 people turned up on the day. There is a meeting on 14 November 2010 with the local councilors to find out the current status on this matter.

#### 12. Next meeting Thursday 25 November 2010 at 7.30pm at Ossett Community Centre.

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