



Minutes of meeting held 25th March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Peter Cummings (PC), Alice Cummings (AC), Judy Rogers (JR), David Howlett (DH), Mike Parker (MJP), Laura Parker (LP) David Colgrave (DC), Neil Heseltine (NH), Rita Layton (RL).

Apologies: Caroline Rosier, Chris Wildman and Simon Watkins.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2021 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the agenda.

➤ ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Travel and Transportation

PC had contacted JT who confirmed that progress on Travel and Transport can only be made with the support and consent of the County Council, which provides subsidies for public transport. Therefore it is with the County Council or its anticipated replacement, a unity authority, that will need to be consulted on any Travel and Transport matters.

Land & Nature

A web page about MEG has been drafted for Malhamdale.com and is the process of being reviewed by other members of the group.

The information collection forms supplied by YDMT in draft have been reviewed by members of the group and returned with comments.

Tree planting

All documentation collected by MEG members on their woodland walks in June 2019 has now been passed onto YDMT as part of the Together4Trees information collection arrangements. The primary contact at YDMT is now Fiona Busfield.

Sensory Garden

AC circulated the quote from SW to all members of the MEG group. The presentation to the Parish Council is being finalised and a member of the group is going to put the case to the Parish Council at the next meeting. Action Point: AC to circulate the presentation to all members of the group.

One of the members expressed concern for the privacy of their nearby property. Another was concerned about ownership and responsibility for the garden, and the finance behind it. The legal relationship between MEG and the Chapel has been drafted and included in the presentation, which will be viewed, and signed by the Parish Council, if agreed. SW will be



consulting all interested parties about the design of the garden to ensure that all anxieties and concerns are addressed sympathetically.

➤ DISCUSSION ON THE WAY AHEAD

A discussion on the way ahead for the group was introduced by the Chair who summarised the efforts made by the group over the past 18 months and identified where there has been successes and drawbacks with the reasons why. He asked the attendees to offer ideas about progress for the future.

As a result of the discussion five items came up for further exploration so that a plan of action for the months to come could be developed at the next meeting.

These items were

1. Lobbying in appropriate quarters on environmental issues.
2. Connecting with like-minded groups within the Dales to explore complimentary activities.
3. Plastics. Further work on eliminating single use plastics.
4. More co-ordinated and regular litter picking in the Dale.
5. Working closely with YMDT on the Together4Trees programme.

Article for the Parish Magazine

Action: AC volunteered to write an article.

AOB

The Chair indicated that he would like to be replaced as Chair before the MEG meeting in September and invited others to step forward.

➤ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be arranged for Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7:00pm. This will be via Zoom. **Please note we are starting half an hour earlier than in the past to see if this is more convenient for members moving forward.**

Subsequent meetings for 2021 are to be as follows:-; 27th May; 24th June; 29th July; 30th September; 28th October; 25th November.