

**Summary Minutes of a Meeting for Arkendale Villagers
to Consider Initiatives for the Allerton Waste Recovery Park
Landscape & Cultural Heritage Fund
held on 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm at The Blue Bell at Arkendale**

Attendees:

Sarah Shipman	John Coxon	Geoff Fitchett
Brian Shipman	Debbie Coxon	John Alderson
David Cox	Tom Brophy	Phil Strong
Veronica Brook	Sarah Brophy	Tim Braithwaite
Annie Watson	Dave Challis	Chris Cuthbert
Mark Robertshaw	Gavin Holman	Mark Taylor
Dean Bailey	Wendy Houseman	Gary Quinn
LS Bailey	Peter Thorndyke	Oliver Quarmby
Christine Sinclair	Andrew Hartley	

Apologies: Guy Ackernley; Geoff Marshall

Circulation: Those present plus absentees

Action

1. Oliver Quarmby described the aim of the Fund, the mechanics for applications and the types of projects the Fund will support. There was a general consensus that residents should try to co-ordinate initiatives to access Funds for the benefit of the village.
2. The group suggested various initiatives as follows:-
 1. Village walk/circuit/cycle way.
 2. Electrification of church clock and bell's mechanism.
 3. Children's playground.
 4. The Mar.
 5. Tree planting/gapping up hedgerows/new wood.
 6. New footpaths where missing in the village.
 7. Moor Lane exit by Church (*road safety*).
 8. Village hall car park.
 9. Defibrillator (*phone box*).
 10. Village gateways and signage – this item was raised but given there is already a working group looking into this item which Mark Robertshaw is involved with it was thought best to leave Mark and his group to co-ordinate this particular initiative.

Mark
Robertshaw

A healthy discussion was had over the relative merits of the various initiatives and of course not all will be eligible for funding, however when ranked by a show of hands the most popular/priority initiatives were:-

1. The Mar (20 hands).
2. Village Walk (19 hands).
3. Church Clock/Bells (12 hands).
4. Gapping Hedgerows/Trees/Wood (11 hands).
5. Children's Playground (9 hands).

3. **Next Steps**

A working group was formed comprising Oliver Quarmby, Tom Brophy and Sarah Brophy. After the meeting John Coxon, Gary Quinn and Mark Taylor also offered to join this working group. The working group will meet with a view to considering these five initiatives in more detail, and will liaise with Paul Varney at Groundwork (*the charity that can assist with fund raising and project management*) with a view to presenting initial proposals to the group in approximately a month's time.

4. **Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.

The
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Group