

TOTTINGTON DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Chairperson : Christine Taylor

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 12th October 2018 which was held at Greenmount Old School due to unforeseen circumstances preventing us having our normal meeting the previous night as was scheduled.

Present : Pauline Chadwick, Sue Glover, Alan Turner, Christine Taylor, Faith Greenhalgh , Kevin Nuttall,

Apologies : Mike Woolford, Mike Pinder, Geoff Turner

Minutes from the meeting held on 13th September 2018 were read and accepted

Matters related : Referencing Ronald's tree apparently the best time to plant is in November, and Christine has details about the plaque for the Wishing Stone

Treasurers Report : there is a balance of £451 in our account

Island Lodge : Christine had prepared a comprehensive report on the lodge, including its present condition and reports by the council's Chief Planning Officer from 1974 extolling the beauty of the area and stating " It is the most pleasant part of Bury", and in 1977 an article by Richard Byrom for the Bury Times stating "Island Lodge has pride of place" She had included photographs of the area Then and Now and requested a meeting with a representative from the council, United Utilities and the Environment Agency , (Councillor Quinn and Graham Schoon)

It would appear that when the houses in the northern part of Greenmount were built a very large drain was put down to connect the water run-off from the estate into Island Lodge. Since then various homes have made improvements to their homes and their pipes have been incorrectly fed into this system instead of the waste sewers. Apparently some work at houses which are part of the problem has been carried out but there is still more to do

At the point of our meeting we are aware that a meeting was being held on this day by those bodies Christine had contacted , but was not including any members of the public. They have said a report will be prepared and are willing to attend a public meeting so long as it is independently chaired. Neil Carter (Church Secretary) has agreed that we may use Greenmount Church for a meeting on Thursday 15th November and hopefully James Daly will chair the meeting. Christine is to send details and invitation to the interested officials from the various agencies, and she will contact Paul Horrocks about leaflets that can be distributed round all the houses

Planning : There were no new applications of any interest to the society, a letter has been sent objecting to the proposed building of houses at the back of Victoria Street and another supporting the objections to the siting of permanent mobile homes for a family of "Travellers" at land by the Burrs country Park.

Outings : The general consensus is that we make arrangements to visit Stockport Hat Museum in the new year. Arrangements will be made after Christmas.

Local Events : TWIGS are now associated with Tottington Centre and are having a pumpkin lantern making event on Saturday .

Minutes prepared by Faith Greenhalgh