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The first meeting of 1997 took place at the new venue of the Lord Nelson on Thursday 30th. January and the first item on the agenda was to welcome Sue Hoyle as the new Secretary and we all wish her well in her new office. Sue has taken over from Ric Lihou who had to step down due to pressure of work commitments. The Society would like to take this opportunity of thanking Ric for his sterling work during the last 18 months. Far from leaving the fold, Ric has taken up the new post of Vice Chairman, and will head all the next few meetings whilst our present Chairman Rodney Collinge is away teaching in Kenya.

Due to the change-over, no correspondence has been sent since the last meeting (none being received either) so the Society will chase up recent communications in order to keep you informed as to their present status (i.e. letter to the Environment Agency re the vandalised wall adjacent the river; maximum speed signs for roads into the village; grant aid for adding to the number of Xmas lights; and general letters for any available money grants from Calderdale).

The Treasurer, Peter Kelly, gave us his report that the Society currently had £235.90 to be carried forward to this year. However, if we want to undertake some of the more major enterprises that have been discussed in the past, we will need to raise much more monies in the future, so if you have any ideas for fund raising please come along to the next meeting.

Mr. Clarke's application to build on the land adjacent Broad Flaggs has again been turned down on the grounds that the access to the land is too restricted from High Street, not that the development would have an adverse effect on the surrounding area. The Society feels that this will put an end to this matter. Doubt still exists as to who exactly owns this stretch of land.

With regard to the Greave House Fields development, Mr. Jim Sheard, who was present at the meeting, gave the Society a brief résumé on discussions he has had with the parties concerned, and who seems to be making vital in-roads with them regarding saving this land for communal use - watch this space for further news.

Jim also brought to the Society's attention, the fact that the 2 large fields at the rear of Kershaw Estate could also be prime targets for housing developers and that we should contact the Council about the possibility of them planting trees on the land in line with their ' Millennium Trees ' project. (This project entails the proposed planting of 1,000,000 new trees in the Calderdale area by the present Council before the year 2000!)

The Society is still awaiting the ' green light ' from the Secretary of State for the car park.

Entry in the ' West Yorkshire Best Kept Village ' Competition 1997.

We are sure that everyone would like to see some improvement in their surroundings, so here is your chance to do something about it.

Here are a few ideas that you may wish to consider in order to ' do your bit '

- tidy up the garden - trim hedgerows, cut down dead shrubbery, prune unsightly trees etc.
- tidy up waste ground, if any adjacent to your house
- rebuild walls, repair/paint fences or paint railings.
- take unwanted items/strewn rubbish to tip.
- encourage the taking of litter home for proper disposal in household waste.
- put up hanging baskets or window boxes.

The Society are hoping to arrange for a skip to be delivered at some point to a central location within the village for communal use when tidying up prior to the judges visit which will be sometime in April/May. Furthermore if you have any other ideas or require assistance in any way please do not hesitate to contact the Society, or better still come along to the next meeting which will be held at the Lord Nelson on Thursday 27th. February at 7.45 p.m. - all welcome

Dear villager,

Now that Spring is nearly upon us, the Society would like to remind us all again that we are officially entered into the West Yorkshire ' Best Kept Village ' Competition, and with the judges due to visit in the very near future, the lighter nights and warmer temperatures will offer more time for undertaking those jobs we may have been putting off from last year. So, if we all put our minds to the task ahead, great improvements can be realised in our surroundings, and, even though the village may not win the Competition, the results of our labours will benefit us all. The Society itself undertook the cleaning of the water trough at the bottom of Stocks Lane earlier this month, which only took 2 people about 2 hours just to clean off moss and lichens and to dredge the water of old tin cans etc.. Remember that any enterprise, however small, will enhance the overall look of the village, this may only need to be picking up loose pieces of litter, debris or rubbish in general and depositing same into the litter bins. If you have seen any larger items of rubbish lying around then let us know and maybe we can try to arrange to have it picked up.

Unfortunately, at the time of going to press, you will all be aware of the works that are currently being undertaken on the bridge in the centre of the village. The reason for this work is to strengthen the bridge. However, in order to do this, they will have to remove some very old Gas pipes and replace with new ones as it is considered too dangerous to work around them, and this is why they have set aside 8 weeks (they hope to be finished before this!). Obviously, diversions have been set up, however these do not seem to be working out as planned, as the vast majority of vehicles are now using High Street, and not carrying on to Booth as directed. Furthermore, the Society was informed that there would not be any other works carried out in the vicinity during this contract, but there are now temporary traffic lights on Burnley Road at Friendly, which is resulting in traffic ' short-cutting ' through Luddenden. This could now result in a serious accident occurring on High Street, due to the excessive speeds of some of these vehicles, and a letter has been sent to the Council to highlight this problem. If you have any comment to make about this situation please come along to the next meeting.

Getting back to more usual topics, the Society has again sent out letters to the various bodies concerned with regard to damage to the bus shelter, the handrails that need repairing at the junction of New Road and High Street, the re-building of the wall to the footpath adjacent the river, and about the inaccessibility for emergency vehicles up Old Lane. The Secretary has also sent a letter to the YEB to ask them to tidy up the sub-station on Halifax Lane.

Another seating bench has been positioned next to the river near Broad Flags, so please feel free to use it during the coming months.

You may have noticed a Planning Notice has been fixed to the old Co-op at the top of High Street. At the last Society meeting, the builder concerned kindly brought the plans into the meeting to enable those present to preview their proposals and to allay any fears that the building was going to change beyond recognition or would change in a way that would not be in keeping with its surroundings. This will involve creating 3 high spec flats with integral parking for 3 cars at the rear, and not changing the external elevations at all, apart from renewing/re-opening windows and some remedial works to the stonework and doorway on New Road and a general cleaning up. Further off-street parking will be made available at the rear on the flat section behind the existing railings. The Society would like to thank Guy and Rob for giving us the opportunity to view the proposals before their application.

This months meeting will be held at 7.45 p.m. on Thursday 27th. March 1997 at the Lord Nelson so if you feel you have anything to say or any services you can offer please come along and join us.

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Dear villager,

Due to the last meeting having been held on the Thursday before Easter, the number of attenders at the meeting was greatly affected, and therefore the topics for discussion were somewhat thin on the ground. However, the Society would like to thank Sue Hogg for coming to the meeting. Sue, who works for the South Pennine Packhorse Trust, kindly attended to talk about the possibility of entering into a 'joint venture' with the Society with a view to developing the bridleway/footpath from British Firtex at Luddenden Foot up to the proposed site for the Car Park adjacent the bus stop on Luddenden Lane. Having had much more experience in securing grants and funding from various bodies, Sue is confident that if the project is presented in the right format, and to the right people, there will not be any problem in raising the necessary monies, of which, due to the present Lottery and Millennium 'kitties' there are substantial amounts available. Furthermore, she suggested that it would be a good idea to include many different schemes in our proposals, i.e. to connect the bridleway with the existing footpath and the creation of the new section of footpath down from the Car Park and from there across the road to Greave House Fields, and also through the village centre and round the foot of Church Hill and on past the Church by the river towards Brook Terrace. In all, the schemes together would cost approximately £ 25,000, which, by today's standards is a pretty small sum.

The Society would like to remind you that even if this funding is secured, we will still require voluntary help from the community in order to keep costs down and to employ all the monies in the right direction. This help can either be in the form of labour, materials, plant and machinery, design, legal advice etc. Also, with future projects in mind, we are also in need of an enthusiastic person or persons to help with fund raising activities.

With regard to other topics, the Society has as not yet had any response from Yorkshire Electricity regarding the tidying up of the sub-station on Halifax Lane or from the Local Councillor regarding the implementation of traffic calming measures in the village.

However, a letter has been received from Calderdale Tec Services stating that Luddenden is included on the 97/98 list for consideration, but the village is not seen as a priority at the moment. However, considering fears raised again at this meeting, and in light of previous incidents reported to the Society at past meetings, the Society felt that something needs to be done about this problem, which has been highlighted even more since the closure of the bridge on High Street. Therefore, the Society have suggested that any village resident who feels strongly enough about this problem should personally write a letter of complaint to the Council, or alternatively send it to the Society Secretary, who can send them off en masse, to emphasise the problem.

Further to this, the planning application recently put to the Council for the widening of the access into Murgatroyds mill, has been accepted, so this may result in much larger articulated lorries going up and down New Road, and with more frequency!

Last but by no means least, the Society would remind you that the visit by the judges for the Best Kept Village Competition is getting nearer. The Society has had some inside information that they tend to look for tidiness of roads and streets, well kept gardens and well maintained Church and Chapel grounds. There have been some noticeable improvements already, but there is still some areas that could be improved. The Society will be hiring a skip to be placed in the village which can be used by anybody for the removal of unwanted rubbish etc., a sign will be placed on it so that everyone will know that it is for communal use.

This month's meeting will be held at 7.45 p.m. this coming Thursday, 24th. April at the Lord Nelson.

TURNING CIRCLE PASSED

The Council has passed the packing company's application to widen their access for heavy goods vehicles as they believe doing so will not result in an increase in the size of vehicles going up and down New Road and Duke Street, but will enable them to park up 'off-road' when unloading, thus increasing safety.

BENCH TO BE MOVED BY 300 mm. !

Yes, believe it or not, the bench that has been installed on the grass at Broad Flaggs is apparently 300 mm. too close to Mr. Clarke's land and will consequently have to be moved - if there are any local clairvoyants available on Sunday morning please attend and maybe we can move it this time without having to dig it up!

Treasurers Report

Balance in the bank = £ 256.80

WORK GROUP - SUNDAY 4th. MAY 1997

A work group meeting has been arranged for this Sunday, 4th. May, to clean up the village and river etc. of all rubbish and debris. Due to the present level of funds held by the Society, it was felt that it was not cost effective to hire a skip as mentioned in the last newsletter, and therefore we would ask that anyone wishing to help should bring along a bin bag for collection of the rubbish, and once full these will be ferried down to the tip at Sowerby Bridge. Please assemble at the bridge near the Lord Nelson at 10 am.

COMING EVENTS

In order to raise some funds, the Society hope to arrange a Car Boot Sale one Sunday morning very soon, so watch this space.

Ideas were also put forward for a headlining event, that could possibly be held on an annual basis in the summer months. Due to Luddenden's connection with the former ITV programme

' In Loving Memory ' it has been suggested that a race should be organised where mock coffins are carried around the village, possibly utilising the old Pack Horse route up Old Lane with a trophy being awarded to the winner. Any takers!

Once again, don't forget, the Best Kept Village judging will be taking place shortly, and as we don't know when the judges will be visiting, we all must keep vigilant in helping to keep the village looking neat and tidy.

PUBLIC MEETING - TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

A circular has been enclosed with this newsletter to inform you of a Public Meeting that has been arranged for Thursday 15th. May 1997 at 8pm. at the Methodist Chapel on High Street. The meeting will be attended by the Police and Local Councillors to debate the current traffic problems in the village. The Courier will also be in attendance.

NEXT SOCIETY MEETING

The next Society meeting has been brought forward to Thursday 22nd. May 1997. The time and venue remain the same - 7.45pm at the Lord Nelson.

LUDDENDEN CONSERVATION SOCIETY**NEWSLETTER**

Secretary : Sue Hoyle, 1 Riding Head Lane, Luddenden, Halifax HX2 6PT

CAR PARK - LATEST NEWS

The Council have informed the Society that, after the initial 3 year period, they are prepared to lease the land for 999 years!. That's if we are still driving wheeled vehicles by then!.

Furthermore, the Society, in conjunction with the South Pennine Pack Horse Trust, are to write a joint letter to British Firtex outlining a proposed funding package for the bridleway which we hope to construct through their land, which it is intended will link up with the proposed Car Park development.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

The village has had its first visit by members of the judging committee, who came around on Tuesday 20th. May. However, we do not know if we have passed through to the next round of judging and so we must remain vigilant in keeping the village looking neat and tidy.

Fortunately, at the last meeting, we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. Mark Andrew, who is a former Director of the ' Keep Britain Tidy ' Campaign who kindly agreed to speak to the meeting to inform us on the type of things the judges would be scrutinising, and his own personal appraisal of the current situation.

The good points Mark commented on were:- there was very little litter apparent on any of the main roads and estate roads and the litter bins were all in good order; the Churchyard and cemetery were very well kept and the War Memorial area was ' absolutely excellent ' and was one of the best he had seen. The children's play area was well maintained and litter free.

The Lord Nelson was well maintained, the river was too. Walls, fences and garages were good. The present seating arrangements were in good order although he felt there could be more of them. The bus shelter was ' okay '.

The bad points raised were:- there are a lot of weeds on footpaths and roadways, particularly on Old Lane, where part of the wall has also fallen down. The telephone kiosk and car park areas had some apparent litter. Some village premises were a little untidy, namely, the rear of the Working Mens Club, the rear of the Church, the substation, the land adjacent the Methodist Chapel. Also a number of metal railings that are in need of a coat of paint.

So, as you can see, there are plenty of areas where we can still improve things, and even if we do not progress to the final rounds of the competition, the projects we have undertaken, be they small in nature, will still be of benefit to us all in the long term.

The Society would like to thank Mark for his most valued input and hope that his observations and ideas will be acted upon in the very near future.

Further to the above, the subject of dog littering was mentioned as seeming to be on the increase, and the Society would urge dog owners in the village to try to prevent this as much as possible, if only to reduce the health hazard to our children.

RE : PUBLIC MEETING ON TRAFFIC IN THE VILLAGE

A circular has been enclosed with this newsletter to follow on from the meeting held in May, which as you will know if you attended, did not produce much in the way of positive action from the Council. Therefore, a sub-committee is to be set up, and anyone wishing to help should sign the tear-off slip attached and return it to Ric Lihou at his home address.

NEXT SOCIETY MEETING

The next Society meeting will be held this Thursday, 26th. June at the Lord Nelson at the usual time of 7.45 p.m..

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CAR BOOT SALE - 10TH. AUGUST 1997

As a fund raising exercise, the Society will be staging a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 10th. August on Kershaw House car park. It will be open to the general public, and vendors will be charged £10 per car on the day, or alternatively, you can pay £8 in advance to the Society's Treasurer, Mr. Peter Kelly, who can be contacted on Telephone No. 883491.

(Volunteers will be required to act as marshals on the day, anyone wishing to help should also contact Peter on this number, or attend the next Society meeting - see below).

' Gates ' open at 8.00 a.m..

The Society will be having a stall of its own, so if anyone has any suitable, saleable items they wish to donate, they should contact Peter, or alternatively Mr. Richard Marsden, who can be contacted on Telephone No. 883665, who will arrange to have the goods picked up.

(2 to 3 people will be required to man the stall on the day, anyone wishing to help should again contact Peter on the above number).

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS UPDATE

We have had notice that the Council have re-assessed the village due to the Public meeting held in May. Originally, the village had been classed as a whole, and was currently about 100th. in line for calming measures. The re-assessment has resulted in the village now being assessed in 3 separate areas as follows:-

Stocks Lane/High Street is now 65th. in line.

New Road/Luddenden Lane is now 68th. in line.

Halifax Lane/Birch Lane has moved out to 138th. in line.

Although the outcome is not exactly what we would have wanted, it is a step in the right direction and will possibly result in some form of traffic calming being carried out on the first 2 areas within 2 years instead of 3!. Dialogue is to be maintained with the Council, and if you should have experience, or hear of any accidents or near misses please let the Society know about them.

25th. ANNIVERSARY

1998 will be the 25th. Anniversary of the setting up of the Society, and we thought that to commemorate this occasion we should try to get together a written/audio/visual historical record of the village of Luddenden which could be held at a mutually agreeable location for the general public to read/listen to/view. We will require old photographs, newspaper cuttings, old newsletters etc.. We would also like to hear if you know of anyone who would be willing to be interviewed, and have it recorded for posterity. The visual side may entail a volunteer to video the village and surrounding countryside with associated commentary. These are just ideas at present, but if you feel you can help, please contact the Society's Chairman Mr.

Rodney Collinge who will be co-ordinating this project.

NEXT SOCIETY MEETING

Next Society meeting will be held on Thursday, 31st. July at the Lord Nelson at 7.45 p.m..

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CAR PARK UPDATE

The Society have now received the lease from Calderdale Council for the old highways depot land, and this is to be checked and then signed before returning, together with a list of the Trustee Names. Once returned, we will have a 3 year period in which to complete the works, otherwise the land ownership revert back to the Council. However, before any works can commence, the Society will take out Public Liability Insurance Cover as required. Clive Horsman is to be contacted again to update his original plans and costs for the works so that we can start to organise funding and/or obtain grants for the major parts of the works, with the sub-committee re-convening to co-ordinate matters.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 31st. AUGUST

As a fundraising exercise, the Society will be having a stall at the festival for the sale of cakes, biscuits and preserves etc., and anyone wishing to provide items for sale can deliver them in advance to the following people :-

Richard Marsden at Granby House on High Street-Tel: 883665

Rodney Collinge at Wesley Villa on New Road-Tel: 882206

Peter Kelly at Coltsfoot Cottage on High Street-Tel: 883491

Jenny Clarke-Tel: 884415

These kind people will keep the ' goodies ' until the Sunday, promising not to nibble at any! Further details of the event will be out shortly through the main organisers.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Over the last 12 months, the Society has been more active than at any time in its past history. We have on-going projects to develop the old highways depot land, as detailed above, as well as the strip of land between Dene View and Greave House Field. Also, as mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have aided in the success in persuading the Council to put the village higher up the waiting list for traffic calming measures. However in addition to these major undertakings, the Society has carried out a lot of work in the village, albeit with one eye on the Best Kept Village Competition but also with a view to trying to enhance the aesthetic nature of all our surroundings through cleaning up the river, collecting the discarded litter, weeding footpaths, erecting seating and organising the Christmas lights in '96. We also examine every planning application to try to ensure that new building work, or alterations are not carried out that may be of detriment to the village.

My main reason for reporting all this to you again is to attempt to appeal for more people to attend our monthly meetings. Much of the work at present is being done by a small group of dedicated people, to whom we should all be grateful. At the very least, this village is seen as an attractive place to live, and the price of the properties reflects this, but in order to retain the status quo, we need more people to come along to help out with this work.

The next meeting will be the **Annual General Meeting**, and will be held on **Thursday 28th. August at the Lord Nelson as usual commencing at 7.45 p.m.** Wilfred Manning has been invited to give what I am sure will be a most entertaining look back at ' times past ' in Luddenden Foot. I hope you can come along and join us this time . . .

Regards - Rodney Collinge

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting, which was held on August 28th. was well attended and opened with a report from the Chairman highlighting some of the projects the Society had successfully undertaken over the past 12 months, and he duly thanked all those villagers who had helped with them. During the proceedings, the following people were re-elected as Society officers:-

Chairman - Rodney Collinge **Vice Chairman** - Ric Lihou **Secretary** - Sue Hoyle

Treasurer - Peter Kelly **Newsletter Editor** - Steve Thompson

Planning Applications Secretary - Dilys Marsden

At mid-point in the proceedings, Mr. Wilfred Manning gave his talk on " Recollections of Luddenden " and once again it proved to be very enjoyable and the Society would like to thank Wilfred for attending and will look forward to having him back again in the near future.

The meeting also included further discussions on the proposed Car Park/Bridleway joint venture with the South Yorkshire Pack Horse Trust, and the Society would also like to thank Sue Hogg for attending to inform us on the next steps the Society needed to take.

The Society would also like to thank Bronwyn and Paul for the use of the lounge for the meetings at the Lord Nelson over the past few months and trust that we can count on their support for the future.

MYTHOLMROYD GALA and VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The Society had stalls at both of these venues and reports that, after costs, it raised £ 23.50 at the Gala and £ 58.80 from the Festival, and thanks go to all those people who helped collect articles for sale and those who " manned " the stalls.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Unfortunately, Luddenden village was not successful in this years competition, but received a good report which has been included below for your information, and hopefully, food for thought for the future.

" A delightful Calderdale village has a most attractive entrance to its churchyard, with a tasteful use of old gravestones, and the chapel, though unused, has an extremely tidy garden.

The cemetery, looking so tranquil on its hilly terrain, was maintained to an extremely high standard which deserves every credit. It is understood that the Council is responsible for this.

The Lord Nelson pub, recently painted, was in process of being be-decked with hanging baskets. The village was relatively litter free but the school routes were noticeable by the presence of litter. The stream flowing through the village was beautifully clean, and there was evidence of community activity to make it so. There are several features which enhance the village centre, in particular, the seated area to the left of the memorial and on the side of the Lord Nelson. There were isolated pockets of weeds which detracted from the overall aesthetic qualities of the village. The War Memorial was outstanding - quite the best amongst those seen this year. Gardens were colourful. Only one notice board was noticed - outside the churchyard, and it was in pristine condition. Several car parking areas were well kept. The children's play area was very well sited and maintained. This is a village in a most attractive part of West Yorkshire. The Conservation Society is working hard to improve the village, and organises events to raise money to do this. It is noted that a community group has recently been formed to attend to the appearance of the village. With community endeavour this village could easily be successful in a future competition "

Our congratulations go to **Addingham** who were the winning village for 1997.

NEXT MEETING

This months meeting will be this Thursday, 30th. October at 7.45 p.m. at the Lord Nelson.

CAR PARK UPDATE

With regard to the proposed rebuilding and improvement works to the footpath from Luddenden Foot, a letter has been received from the solicitors acting for British Furtex which is quite encouraging in the fact that it does not reject our proposals and ideas outright, but is requesting more information about insurances and who will be responsible for the upkeep of the footpath in the future. Unfortunately, Calderdale Council may not wish to carry out the latter due to cuts in their budget, and therefore advice on this matter is to be sought from Sue Hogg of the Packhorse Trust before the Secretary replies to this letter. (Sue will be invited to the next meeting to discuss this and also funding arrangements.)

The copy lease for the Car Park has been duly signed and the Society is currently ringing round for the best quotes for the Public Liability Insurance we will have to have in place before we can even unlock the gate at the former Council depot entrance and commence clearing up operations. Meanwhile the sub-committee formed to manage the project is to re-convene prior to the next meeting.

WORK GROUP

The next work group project will be held this Sunday, 16th. November. The Society propose to 'endeavour' to tidy up Old Lane or at least part of it. You may have noticed that recently it has become more and more neglected and the weeds are beginning to take over the whole width of the lane, walls have collapsed and, in places, some overhanging tree branches are making it difficult to pass. There is also quite a bit of litter lying around adding to the problem. As this was once an important trade route through the valley from Yorkshire to Lancashire, we should all take pride in its existence and try to help regain, and in future, retain its original glory. Anyone wishing to help should meet at the bottom of the lane at 10 a.m.. It would be helpful if, along with any tools you may need, if you could bring along some plastic bags for the weeds and rubbish.

CHRISTMAS 1997

Once again the festive season is almost upon us and this year the Society will be organising another 'Christmas Walk' around the village which will incorporate a Treasure Hunt with food laid on for the participants afterwards. Anyone wishing to join in should meet at the Methodist Chapel on High Street at 11 a.m. on Monday 29th. December. The Society will also be coming around with a collection again this year to try to add to the number of lights we can erect around the village. This will mean that we will be able to fix some of the lights at various other positions, and not just in the centre of the village. We trust that you can find a few spare 'shillings' to bolster the coffers.

LOCAL CRIME NEWS

There has been a number of reports recently that burglars are using badly fitting or badly designed window ventilators to gain access into some houses by removing them to open the window in which they are fitted. If you need any advice on your type of ventilator, please contact your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Furthermore, there has also been a spate of car wheels being stolen whereby the existing tyre is being slashed with a knife and they then return a few days later knowing that a new tyre will have been fitted and this is the one they will then steal. The Police are advising motorists to fit locking wheel nuts.

- You have been warned -

OTHER NEWS

There has been some comments recently about the amount of dog dirt that is littering the village footpaths and grassed areas. We have been asked to remind all dog owners that it is an offence to walk their dogs without a lead. The fines that can be levied are substantial as detailed on various lamposts around the village. Furthermore, this can also be a serious hazard to health, especially for the youngest amongst us, who tend to play in these areas. So please take heed, and help keep the village tidy and safe for all - Thank You.

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