

# **RUDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN**

## **STEERING GROUP MEETING**

*'CONSULTING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PRODUCE A PLAN  
WHICH WILL PRESENT YOUR VIEWS FOR RUDDINGTON'S FUTURE'*

**Minutes for Tuesday 21st January 2014 commencing 7.30pm at St. Peter's Rooms.**

Present (alph): Annette Auckland (P C)

Cathy Brown

Phil Brown

Linda Cooke

Secretary

Helen Opie (P C)

Project Manager

Ali Ritchie

Chairman

Barbara Venes (P C)

Gavin Walker

Graham Wright

Also present: Jenny Kirkwood (RCAN - Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire)

Greg Hewitt (RCAN - Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire)

Apologies: None

### **MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, were accepted and the following issues were reported:

- An article was included in the January issue of the Village Newsletter
- The Parish Council has confirmed that they will assist the group by allowing black and white photocopying, to include the questionnaire and the use of St Peter's Rooms for meetings when available for 2013-2014. It was noted that in the present climate, the secretary will keep photocopying to a minimum.
- The email address for communications with members of the public is now active – [villageplan@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:villageplan@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **THE ROLE OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The group formally acknowledged the three Parish Councillors as members of the Steering Group.

It was agreed that if required, Parish Councillors might be asked/chose to leave the room if an item where a conflict of interest might be seen. Whilst this was considered unlikely, in the event, that item would be left to the end of the meeting.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

It was agreed that members of the public and/or parish councillors, would not be admitted as observers unless specifically invited to contribute or advise on a particular subject or issue. Jenny Kirkwood (RCAN) acknowledged that the Steering Group already has a full committee of members.

## THE ROLE OF THE GROUP WITHIN THE PARISH COUNCIL

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that for the immediate future the group would remain as a sub-committee of the Parish Council but may consider being run independently (a community constituted group) at a later date if it is considered appropriate or advantageous to the Village Plan.

## REPORTS

It was agreed that Helen Opie (or in her absence, Annette Auckland) should report to the full Parish Council meetings confirming brief details of the Steering Group's meetings and referring councillors to the minutes which will be available on the Parish Council website. The minutes would also form the main source of information to general members of the public.

It was also agreed that the Steering Group should endeavour to maintain a regular presence in the Village Newsletter in one way or another. Graham Wright agreed to promote the Village Plan in through the Ruddington Twitter site and would forward it to the Ruddington Village Facebook site and Ruddington Mum's Facebook site. Graham also agreed to set up and maintain a Facebook page specifically for the Ruddington Village Plan to help promote it throughout the village. This would also link to the Parish Council website page dedicated to the Village Plan.

Ali Ritchie agreed to write an article for the Rushcliffe Local News, promoting the work of the Village Plan Steering Group.

## BRANDING

The group agreed to promote a 'competition' to find a logo for the Village Plan to help with branding on communications, notices, etc. The logo is to be based on the initials RVP and is open to all members of the public with contributions being accepted through the email address or hard copies to the Steering Group c/o the Parish Council Office. This is to be promoted via the Facebook, Twitter, Newsletter sites, etc.

## CONSULTATION

At this point, the group returned to the issue of subject headings and the scope/content of each heading. With the limited number of volunteers coming forward to help with compiling the questionnaire, it was agreed that the Steering Group would continue with the whole project for the time being. A breakdown of the subject groups, etc. is appended to these minutes.

Business, Commerce and Tourism would be discussed at the next meeting after the groups have had time to consider the heading in more detail.

## OTHER MATTERS

Youth Centre: The group discussed the future of the Youth Centre in some detail as members of the public had asked if the Village Plan would be able to assist with consultations with Nottinghamshire County Council. It was acknowledged that NCC would be making a decision on 27<sup>th</sup> February and if the centre is to close, it will do so by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The group would not be in a position to consult and report in time to make a difference in this case but members had referred concerned residents to the online petition. Although the centre was used by the Baptist Church, Surestart and a table tennis group in addition to the Youth Club, it was reported that it costs £26,000 per annum to run the building and a further £45,000 to run the Youth Service.

The item has been included on the list of subjects for further discussion / consultation as either it will be retained or there will be another empty building in the village.

#### ACTIONS

1. Graham to refer information about the Village Plan to appropriate Twitter and Facebook pages.
2. Graham to set up a Village Plan Facebook site with links to the Ruddington Parish Council website page.
3. Ali to write an article for the Rushcliffe Local News promoting the work of the Village Plan.
4. All of the above to promote a 'competition' to find a logo for the Village Plan using the initials RVP. Open to all members of the public.
5. The group to consider the content for Business, Commerce and Tourism for the next meeting. Jenny Kirkwood to forward information to help.
6. The Clerk to action the webpage for the Village Plan.
7. Agenda items for the next meeting:
  - a. To agree the scope for Business, Commerce and Tourism
  - b. To decide on the next steps for the questionnaire
  - c. Agree on a programme/schedule for publicity
  - d. To ask for volunteers to meet with groups in the village
  - e. To identify possible groups who might be able to contribute
  - f. Any other items which may arise

#### CLOSE

9.30pm

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014, at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.30pm. Please contact the Secretary on [villageplan@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:villageplan@ruddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you are unable to attend. Agendas will be emailed before the meeting so please forward any comments or suggestions you would like presenting at the meeting if you are unable to come along in person.**

SUGGESTED HEADINGS AND SCOPE, ETC. as at 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

Some topics may be included in more than one section and some headings may appear to duplicate others. These may be sifted and condensed as the process moves forward.

#### ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE, TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS.

Dog waste	Littering, rubbish collection
Street lighting	The Green and general open spaces
Renewable energy	Pedestrianisation
Footpaths (existing & new)	Churchyards and cemeteries (open & closed)
NET (effects on the village)	Policing and crime
Street furniture	Cycle paths / routes
Zebra crossings	Roads & gulleys (maintenance, repairs, etc)
One-way system	Parking (street and off-street)
Public transport	Speed limits (incl. Chicanes, traffic calming, etc)
Traffic flow	HGV's
Museums	Village signposts (tourists)
Tourist Information centre	Information boards & notice boards
Twinning	Heritage Centre
Village Trail	Street markets

#### LEISURE AND SPORT (*and young people*)

Youth club	Diversity of sport (tennis, rugby, hockey, etc)
Leisure / amenities centre	Access to information about what is happening
Promote the increase of daytime activities	Schools (St Peters and James Peacock)
Schools (secondary)	Pre-schools
Rushcliffe Country Park	Walking groups

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE (*and older people*)

Doctors' surgeries and facilities	Dental facilities
Pharmacies and services	Chiropodist services
Physio/chiropractic services	Lunch clubs
Socialisation	Community bus
Reaching the socially isolated	Community care
Connecting 'hard to reach' groups	University of the Third Age (U3A)
Facilities for less able bodied	Community toilets

#### HOUSING, PLANNING AND CONSERVATION

Affordability	Housing for the elderly
Social housing	Prevention of satellite conurbations
Appropriate sites for development	Associated green spaces and amenities
Protection of the Green Belt	Brown Field sites
Derelict, abandoned and neglected buildings	Conservation Area
Listed buildings	