

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 18th February 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 21st January 2014, were accepted.

BUSINESS, COMMERCE & TOURISM

The group agreed to remove 'Tourism' from this section as the subject can be adequately covered in Environment, Heritage, Transport and Highways. It was also noted that these headings are still provisional and may be adjusted, or the contents moved to other sections when the questionnaire is being compiled.

Gavin and Helen agreed to speak to business owners and local trades people at the Parish Council Meeting with businesses in March. A form will be drawn up so that anyone wanting to make a comment privately is able to do so.

Subjects currently identified for the Business & Commerce consultation section are on the list attached to these minutes.

The following items were added to Environment, Heritage, Transport and Highways -
Allotments / dedicated street cleaner

CONSULTATION WITH VILLAGE GROUPS

Groups were identified who could be approached for comments and input to ensure that a wide variety of issues are covered that are important to both residents and businesses. The following people 'volunteered' to speak to these groups.

Annette – Allotments (Parish Council, Hareham and Buttercup) / Gardeners' Association
Cathy & Phil – Library / Vet / Co-op / Tea shop (Shaw Street)
Linda – Over 50's coffee mornings / lunch club / WI / Monday craft group
Helen – Youth centre (several evenings with different groups) / PC business meeting
Ali – Medical centres (both) / dentist / pharmacy / chiropractors & physio's, etc.
Barbara – Parish Councillors / Borough Councillors / County Councillor
Gavin – All local museums (including the Heritage Museum) & FoRCP / PC business meeting
Graham – Local Churches

In addition the following people have previously volunteered and will be approached to help with this task:

Barbara Breakwell – Schools (children, teachers, parents & governors) / children's groups (scouts, etc)

Andy Scott – Senior and Junior football (children & parents) / bowls club / cricket

It was agreed that the following would be suitable questions to ask:

- a) What is the best thing about living in Ruddington?
- b) What don't you like about the village?
- c) Is there anything else you want to say about Ruddington?

The Parish Council office will be asked to photocopy some forms for anyone who feels they need them and the aim is to try and present some of the feedback at the next meeting. Barbara Breakwell and Andy Scott will be invited to attend future meetings with their feedback as appropriate.

VILLAGE PLAN LOGO / BRANDING

Graham reported that he had received a couple of entries for the logo 'competition' but that it is still open and being actively publicised. The winner will have his/her logo used on all Village Plan documentation.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Graham reported that the Facebook page has 188 followers, many of whom 'liked' in the first couple of days from going live. More people will be made aware of the site once items of interest start appearing and users 'share' with others in the village. Graham agreed to allow administration rights to other members of the group so that additional relevant information can be added as necessary.

The groups agreed for Graham to go forward with a Twitter account @RuddingtonVP which will be linked to the Facebook site.

Gavin agreed to set up and maintain a Pinterest page on behalf of the group.

These sites would be effective in reaching the younger generations but the group also asked for a continued presence in the Village Newsletter and on the Parish Council website.

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

It was reported that a number of volunteers had come forward with considerable expertise in specific areas which would benefit the consultation considerably. The group confirmed that these

volunteers should be kept informed of developments and that they should be invited to join the meetings at the appropriate time.

OTHER MATTERS

Enquiries - It was noted that on occasions the group was being approached to take action on more immediate or pressing issues, which unfortunately in many cases, will be out of time before the report is published. However, Jenny did suggest that if an urgent or immediate issue is raised which the group can refer on to someone for action, then it is appropriate to do so.

Incredible Edibles – Helen explained about this community project which was launched in Todmorden. Put simply, the group took over unused areas and planted vegetables for locals to eat. Helen recommended that the group take a few minutes to check out the website www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk to see what this project was about and how successful it had been. Whilst it might not be appropriate for Ruddington, there might be aspects of the project which would work in the village.

Publicity – Linda reported that during a visit to Oxfordshire, she had driven through a village that was obviously in the middle of a Village Plan questionnaire promotion. 'A' boards were posted on the footpaths right through the village and it was difficult not to notice what was happening. Jenny said that RCAN has banners which can also be used at the appropriate time.

ACTIONS

1. Members to speak to as many groups as possible to identify issues for consultation
2. Additional volunteers to be contacted and kept informed of developments
3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be posted on the Parish Council website and Graham to link these to social media sites
4. Members to consider what type of responses (ticks / options / values 1 – 5 / yes-no / etc) will be used on the questionnaire as this will determine how the questions are worded
5. Graham and Gavin to further develop the social media sites
6. Agenda items for the next meeting:
 - a. To progress the logo 'competition'
 - b. To progress the social media sites
 - c. To review responses to the consultations with local groups (done to date)
 - d. Next steps
 - e. Any other items which may arise

CLOSE

9.00pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 25th March 2014, at St. Peter's Rooms commencing 7.30pm. Please contact the Secretary on 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. revised 18th February 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
Allotments	Dedicated street cleaner

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	

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

Parking for customers	Parking for employees
Accessibility (elderly, disabled, pushchairs)	Do residents support local shops and businesses
Farmers' market	How businesses communicate with residents / customers
Use of bank, post office, petrol stn, etc	Opening times of local shops / businesses
Public houses – child friendly / family friendly	What can existing businesses add to their services to benefit the village?