

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 25th March 2014 commencing 7.30pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Present (alph): Linda Cooke	Secretary
Helen Opie (P C)	Project Manager
Ali Ritchie	Chairman
Barbara Venes (P C)	
Gavin Walker	
Graham Wright	

Also present: Greg Hewitt (RCAN - Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire)

Apologies: Annette Auckland (P C), Cathy Brown, Phil Brown and Jenny Kirkwood (RCAN)

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of 18th February 2014, were accepted.

VILLAGE PLAN LOGO / BRANDING

The group had received a number of responses to the request for a logo and after discussion, it was agreed to postpone a decision until the next meeting to make sure everyone who wanted to submit an entry had done so. It was acknowledged that the different style of the logos would make the final decision a difficult one.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Graham confirmed that the Twitter page currently has 71 people following and the Facebook page has 203 followers. Although this has not increased much since the last meeting, it was acknowledged that it would probably do so once more information and possibly photographs, which generate more interest, were added in the future.

Graham confirmed that he would give admin. rights to both Gavin and Linda to maintain these sites while he was on holiday.

Gavin advised that he would set up the Pinterest page in the next few weeks but that it was dependent primarily on photographs / pictures with very little text. The group would need to take this in to account if it wanted followers through this site.

CONSULTATION WITH VILLAGE GROUPS

In turn, each member of the group spoke about their experience of consulting with different groups in the village. The results were sometimes surprising but also often predictable with parking and housing being the primary concerns for residents. Not only young people were concerned about the closure of the Youth Club, older residents voiced their concerns about this too although the Steering

Group acknowledged that the closure would happen before the questionnaire was ready for circulation and well before the report was compiled.

It was agreed that this initial consultation should be completed by the next meeting so that responses can be collated and analysed for further discussion. More returns are expected and so far there are a number of new issues raised that could be taken in to account when compiling questions at a later date.

Helen agreed to start to collate the responses received.

NEXT STEPS

At the next meeting, the group could start consider the list of topics so far with the intention of making the subjects more relevant and/or combining issues where appropriate. The next meeting would be an opportunity to select a topic and invite appropriate volunteers to the following meeting for more in-depth discussion.

It was suggested that following each meeting where a volunteer with specific expertise / interest / knowledge had been invited, the group have a meeting to analyse and make the best use of the information gathered. It was also agreed that subjects like health and highways should be left until later in the process as these are areas which are subject to frequent change.

The group agreed that spring / early summer 2015 was a realistic target for the distribution of the questionnaire and for holding the additional consultation events.

OTHER MATTERS

Local Plan - It was agreed that it was appropriate to clarify whether the proposed 102 houses with planning permission on Pasture Lane form part of the 250 new houses required on the Local Plan.

Volunteers – Annette had sent the name of a volunteer with specific interest and knowledge of older people's interests and issues.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Parish Council holds its Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 1st April and the Village Plan Steering Group is required to provide a report as it receives benefits from the Parish Council in respect of some photocopying and use of the Committee Room. Helen (a Parish Councillor) agreed to read a prepared report at the meeting on behalf of the Steering Group and answer any questions that might be raised by members of the public.

Next meeting – It was agreed that the start time of the next meeting is brought forward to 7pm to enable some of the group to attend another event in the village afterwards supporting the proposed St Mary's Play Area.

Forward dates – The following dates have all been booked for future meetings: 22nd April (7pm start), 20th May, 17th June, 29th July and 26th August. These dates are all provisional to ensure we can have the room but we can confirm or cancel the bookings nearer the time depending on how many can attend.

ACTIONS

1. Members to continue to consult and bring final responses to the next meeting.
2. Gavin to set up Pinterest
3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be posted on the Parish Council website and the main Village Plan page to be updated. Graham to link on social media
4. Helen to start to collate the written responses to the initial consultation
5. Linda to contact borough councillors to clarify whether the new development on Pasture Lane forms part of the 250 new houses on the Local Plan
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. To start to review topics, subject headings, etc.
 - e. To select a topic for the first discussion and invite the appropriate volunteer/s
 - f. Next steps
 - g. Any other items which may arise

CLOSE

8.50pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 22nd April 2014, at St. Peter's Rooms commencing **7.00pm**. 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.

NOTE – 7pm start on 22nd April.