

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 22nd April 2014 commencing 7.00pm 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)

Barbara Breakwell

Apologies: None

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of 25th March 2014, were accepted.

VILLAGE PLAN LOGO / BRANDING

The group viewed all the responses received and after considerable discussion a short list was drawn up. There were two submissions that required some adjustments to be suitable for letterheads, etc. and hopefully these changes could be done before the next meeting so that a final choice could be made.

The chairman announced that agenda items would not necessarily be in the order they were presented to accommodate the visitor's input and allow her to leave after that time.

CONSULTATION WITH VILLAGE GROUPS

A set of feedback documents, emails, etc. were circulated to each member so that everyone has access to the same information. Helen confirmed that she would update the consolidation sheet and this would be circulated at the next meeting.

Andy Scott had tried to get feedback from the football and bowls groups but had not had any success in engaging their interest at this point. He sent his apologies to the meeting.

Barbara Breakwell had consulted with St Peter's Junior School and also with local businesses as part of a survey she was conducting for the parish. She presented her findings and feedback which generally was extremely positive, in fact, the children could not find anything negative to say about the village.

Barbara and Ali both stated that on a number of occasions over the last few weeks, they had been asked for directions to the Country Park or one of the museums by visitors to the village. Ali said that this might be an issue we need to address with the Parish Council before the consultation questionnaire is compiled.

The group also discussed the number of plots still available in Vicarage Lane Cemetery and the effect that the closure of Wilford Hill for new interments might have on demand. It was agreed that the Parish Council Clerk would be asked to give the group an indication of demand.

The only other group which it was felt had been missed, were the care homes and homes for the elderly in the village. It was suggested that these should be contacted at the appropriate time and a representative invited to contribute.

The group thanked Barbara for her considerable contribution and she left the meeting.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Whilst the Twitter page had increased its followings to 84 (from 71), the Facebook page had actually fallen from 203 followers to 202. It was felt that interest in these pages would increase when photographs and more interesting information was being posted.

Gavin confirmed that the Pinterest page was now ready to run and only waiting for some pictures to be put up to start the ball rolling. Linda and Graham said they would forward photographs which could be considered.

Linda confirmed that she had submitted a short article to the Village Newsletter, thanking people for their feedback on what is liked and disliked about Ruddington. This would also appear on the website page and on the social media sites.

NEXT STEPS

The group agreed to start the questionnaire section at the next meeting with the focus on leisure, sport and young people. An email is to be sent to the head teachers of James Peacock Infant and Nursery School, St Peter's Church of England Junior School and Rushcliffe School asking if there are any specific issues that they would like the steering group to include.

RUDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ESTATES WORKING GROUP

Several members of the group expressed concern that the Parish Council's Estates Working Group appeared to be meeting on a regular basis but that there did not appear to be any formal records or minutes of these meetings available to the public. There was a discussion as to the possible impact on the work of the Village Plan Steering Group by actions that might, or might not, be taken by the Parish Council which could make some issues raised on the consultation ineffective or worthless.

The group agreed to invite a member of the Estates Working Group, through the Parish Council Office, to the next meeting to clarify the situation.

OTHER MATTERS

Local Plan – It was agreed that it was appropriate to further 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 asked whether a new member could join the Steering Group and the group discussed this in some depth. It had previously been minuted (21st January 2014) that the group was established and therefore did not need additional members as such, but did need the help / expertise of people with special interests. Linda confirmed that on record, she had probably more than a dozen people who had asked to join the group over the last few months, but these had been asked to help at relevant times and most were happy to do so and contact with these volunteers was maintained on a regular basis. It was agreed that for the time being, the group would remain as it stands but that it could consider new members as necessary in the future.

Next meeting – It was agreed that the start time of the next meeting is brought forward to 7pm to accommodate the meeting with the Parish Council Estates Working Group representative.

Radcliffe on Trent – Jenny advised that the group compiling Radcliffe on Trent’s local plan would be presenting their Action Planning Event on Thursday 24th April from 3pm to 7pm at the Grange if any member would like to attend and see how it had progressed.

ACTIONS

1. Speak to the Parish about increasing signage and maps in the village (to museums, parks, etc)
2. The Clerk to be asked about cemetery space and allocation at Vicarage Lane Cemetery
3. Head teachers of local schools to be contacted about issues for the next meeting
4. Helen to update the consolidation sheets and photocopy for the next meeting
5. Further contact with the Rushcliffe Borough and with Borough Councillors to confirm the status of 102 properties on Pasture Lane
6. Agenda items for the next meeting:
 - a. The Parish Council’s Estates Working Group representative
 - b. To finalise the logo ‘competition’
 - c. To progress the social media sites
 - d. To update the process for approval of meeting minutes
 - e. To start the questionnaire process for areas including sport, leisure and young people
 - f. Next steps
 - g. Any other items which may arise

CLOSE

8.40pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th May 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 – another 7pm start for the next meeting.