

## RUDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN

### STEERING GROUP MEETING

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



**Draft Minutes for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 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  
Graham Wright  
Gavin Walker

Also present: Jenny Kirkwood (RCAN – Rural Community Action Nottingham)

Apologies: Barbara Venes (P C)

#### MINUTES & UPDATES

The minutes from the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were accepted.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Graham reported a continued increase in interest on both the Facebook and the Twitter sites. Facebook 'likes' increased by 15, to 289 and Twitter increased by 12 to 218 'followers'. Pinterest remains unchanged.

Graham also reported that the two most recent questions relating to changing the existing Zebra Crossing to a Pelican or light controlled crossing, and reducing the speed limit through the village to 20mph had produced considerable interest and comment. The group were pleased that followers of these sites were engaging with the topics. Linda confirmed that the admin team only respond to comments where it can be helpful, for example, when someone asked for the results of the Parish Council Traffic Survey he/she was referred to the Parish Council office.

The group discussed the new website called 'streetlife.com' and encouraged members to go online and see how it might be useful to residents and/or the group.

Taking in to account the busy festive season, it was decided to just run one question on the social media sites during December. ***'Would you like the annual Christmas Event to continue?'***

## BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

The group considered the comments and suggestions made by visitors last month, along with observations from residents' emails, discussions, previous meetings and Plans from other villages, to compile a selection of questions for this section. It was agreed that there would be a section specifically for businesses to complete as there might be very different responses from businesses compared to residents on some of the issues and this would enable the group to ensure all sections of the community were being consulted.

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

The group agreed that a progress update in the January edition of the Village Newsletter would mean that more of the community would be reached, especially those who are not followers of the social media sites. Linda would prepare an article for Ali to approve and submit it to the Clerk for consideration.

## NEXT STEPS & VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

The meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January will be to discuss issues related to Health & Welfare and those people with particular interest or expertise in this area who had previously volunteered to assist with these topics will be invited to attend.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Asher Lane Development

Cathy asked if there had been any further developments in the proposals for a builder to erect houses on the fields along Asher Lane. Several members commented that nothing had been reported to date, however the Parish Council had reported a potential development of the site next to Sellor's Playing Field on Wilford Road at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014. Formal information below:

#### *C. 14/12/20 Estates Working Group*

*The Chairman of the Parish Council reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting earlier that day with Oxalis Planning and Bloor Homes. They are preparing to submit a planning application for 150 homes in the fields next to Sellor's Playing Field.*

*They had undertaken a Flood Risk Assessment which indicated that the 1 in 100 year flood extents does not impact on Sellor's Playing Field.*

*Secondly the plan they are thinking about provides a large area on the further side of the brook which is part of the flood attenuation plans and may be available as public open space.*

*Finally, there may be an opportunity to work with them in terms of further developing a Community Hall and other facilities. This might possibly involve a 'land swap' with houses being built on the site of the existing Sellor's Playing Field and a new Community/Village Hall being sited near the potential public open space which could become a 'new Sellor's Playing Fields' with a car park (possibly for joint use of the Hall and Play Area) with improved facilities.*

*It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold discussions with Oxalis Planning and Bloor Homes regarding a 'land swap', that the Estates working Group would move this forward in between Parish Council meetings and have authority to incur expenditure from the Major Projects Fund on professional support for any negotiations.*

Members acknowledged that the mention of 'a community hall' might impact on the questions compiled relating to amenities in the village and some questions may need to be reviewed at a later date to ensure they are up to date and relevant. The 'Housing and Planning' section has yet to be discussed.

### Parish Council

Linda asked which section would cover issues related to the Parish Council and what residents & businesses understand to be the responsibility of the council, where it meets, how it raises and spends funding, etc. It was decided that a section of the questionnaire would be dedicated to the work of the Parish Council. Allen Wood, the Chairman of the Parish Council would be asked to assist with this.

### St. Peter's Inform

Ali said that John Mapperley, the Head Teacher at St Peter's Junior School, had been in touch asking whether the group might be interested in receiving the weekly 'Inform' newsletter as it contains considerable information about local issues and events. It was agreed that Ali would thank Mr Mapperley and accept the offer. Ali can report anything relevant to the meetings as necessary.

### Barbara Breakwell

Linda said that she was sure the group would be disappointed to hear that Barbara Breakwell has resigned from the Parish Council but pleased that Barbara had offered to continue to support the Village Plan project as and when needed.

### Closing

Ali wished everyone a Happy Christmas and thanked Cathy and Phil for providing mince pies at the meeting.

### ACTIONS

1. Linda to type up and circulate the questions related to Business and Commerce as agreed at the meeting, including a separate list specifically for local businesses / trades people to respond to.
2. Graham to post the question to Facebook and Twitter
3. People with specific interest or experience, who had previously volunteered to help with 'Health & Welfare' to be invited to the next meeting.
4. Agenda items for the next meeting:
  - a. To progress the social media sites and review the feedback from the online question
  - b. Outline issues and potential questions in relation to the 'Health & Welfare' section with assistance and input from any volunteers present
  - c. Review the draft questions for 'Business & Commerce'
  - d. Discuss the progress of the Village Plan project and agree a provisional timescale for completing sections in 2015
  - e. Next steps
  - f. Any other items which may arise

### CLOSE

8.37pm