

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 17th February 2015 commencing 7.00pm at St. Peter's Rooms.

Present (alph): Annette Auckland (P C)
Linda Cooke Secretary
Justine Hallam
John Hallatt
Helen Opie (P C) Project Manager
Ali Ritchie Chairman
Barbara Venes (P C)

Also present: N/a

Apologies: Cathy Brown, Phil Brown, Jean Greenwood, Jo Jagiello, Gavin Walker, Graham Wright and Jenny Kirkwood (RCAN).

WELCOME

Ali welcomed the two new members to this meeting and since most of the absentees were as a result of illness, wished them all a speedy recovery.

MINUTES & UPDATES

John Hallatt asked that the minutes be amended as follows:

“John expressed his desire to see the village pursue youth sport and the provision of sports facilities to encourage residents to maintain better health *and social welfare*” and the group agreed. Apart from this, the minutes from the meeting of 3rd February 2015 were accepted.

Nick Tegerdine had emailed with a short report which was read to everyone. It was noted that in areas like illicit drugs, alcohol dependence, gambling and prescribed drugs, there is no evidence to suggest that Ruddington / Rushcliffe is any different to the rest of the country. He did however, emphasise that he would like to see questions that refer to improving health by preventing ill health and supporting recovery.

There were no other updates or feedback to report.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Although absent due to illness, Graham had sent an email with information about the social media responses and a further increase in following. The Ruddington Village Plan Facebook site now has 327 'likes' from 321, and the number of Twitter 'followers' has increased to 250 from 245. These increases are over a two week period.

The question referring to GP consultations by email and/or Skype had mostly positive responses, especially those supporting Skype.

It was agreed that the next question should be: "With local elections happening in the very near future, have you considered standing as a parish or borough councillor? (You don't need to support any political party)"

HEALTH & WELFARE (including older people)

Everyone at the meeting wanted to express their thanks to all of the volunteers who had attended the last meeting, but especially Dr Rai and Liz Yeatman. It was acknowledged that healthcare is a subject about which everyone is passionate.

Linda had circulated a list of issues raised at the meeting on 3rd February and subsequently Helen had compiled some sample questions taking in to account our own list, the volunteers' suggestions and other Village Plans.

Possible questions were discussed and although there were some issues which would clearly be duplicated under other headings, it was agreed to include them at this time and then adjust as necessary when the questions are reviewed as a whole.

PARISH COUNCIL

The group acknowledged that there was a need to ask questions about the role of the Parish Council and what residents know about this organisation. Gavin had forwarded a list of suggestions which were also taken in to account.

After considerable discussion, a list of questions was compiled for reviewing at the next meeting.

REPORT

The group agreed on the report to the Parish Council for presentation by Annette on 10th March 2015. This includes a timescale for the consultation.

NEXT STEPS & VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

The meeting on 3rd March will be to discuss questions related to Transport & Highways. Linda agreed to contact volunteers who had previously offered to help with these subjects.

OTHER MATTERS

Green Belt

Graham and Jo had asked on behalf of a group called 'RAG', for the Steering Group to make representation to the Parish Council about planning applications on Green Belt land. After considerable discussion and a vote, the group agreed unanimously that it would not be within its frame of reference to make comments or recommendations of this type. It was hopeful however, that as a result of a completed Village Plan Report, the Parish Council would have access to an informed view of residents' opinions on this subject.

ACTIONS

1. Linda to type up and circulate draft questions related to Health & Welfare (including older people)
2. Linda to type up and circulate draft questions related to Parish Council
3. Linda to invite people who have previously volunteered to assist with Transport and Highways issues
4. Helen to research issues / questions related to Transport & Highways
5. Graham to post the question to Facebook and Twitter
6. Agenda items for the next meeting:
 - a. To progress the social media sites and review the feedback from the online question
 - b. To discuss issues related to Transport & Highways
 - c. To decide on questions related to Transport & Highways
 - d. To review the draft questions on Health & Welfare (including older people)
 - e. To review the draft questions on Parish Council
 - f. Next steps
 - g. Any other items which may arise

CLOSE

9.10pm