

VILLAGE VISION

(Oakley, Newfound and Deane)

MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP - MONDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2009

MINUTES

Present: June Balcombe, Jenny Boutle, Dennis Barber, Julie Phillips, Elena Perez-Minana, Dorothy Collard, Jean and Phil Gadd

Apologies: Jenny Hemmings, Kay and John Pratchett, David Phillips

It was noted that the minutes will have been presented to the Parish Council before they will have been read and agreed by the Group.

Minutes of meeting on 20th July 2009 were read and agreed by the group with the following amendment as shown at Item 1 below.

Matters Arising: Items 1 – 7

1. Amendment to Minutes 20/07/2009 (To add clarity) – Dorothy Collard (Item 2. School Children's Drawings)

'Dorothy had got a poor response from (the) Oakley Schools. Both schools had just completed another art project for the Village Show and as a result only two children from the Infants School had submitted drawings'

2. Village Show – Steering Group

There was a great deal of discussion by the Group with the response to the Village Vision stand at the Show.

(a) Post It notes: These were colourful and popular with 66 comments made on these notes and attached to a board, although we could have done with a larger board.

b) Questionnaires: Additional questionnaire forms had been made available and a few had been completed at the show by people who hadn't previously done so.

(c) Love/Hate photos: A display of love/hate photos of the village were displayed on the stand and attracted a number of comments.

(d) Display format: The display format was such that a total of at least 80 persons came and looked at our display, asking questions and were generally interested in what Village Vision was about.

(e) Pop-up: The Pop Up proved to be an excellent visual attraction to the stand.

3. School Children's Drawings (judging) – Steering Group

Jenny Hemmings was contacting the winners of the drawing competition and distributing the £10 vouchers to the prize winners.

Jenny will also forward the names of the winners to Dorothy Collard for the Link Magazine.

Action – Jenny Hemmings

4. Tee Shirts – Julie Phillips

Everyone was pleased with the tee shirts, which were in emerald green with the Village Vision logo in white on the top left hand corner standing out well. Julie is able to order more of these tee shirts for anyone else requiring one.

5. Questionnaire Data (Website) – Elena Perez-Minana

Elena had put the Questionnaire information on the Village Vision website.

6. Survey: Important Issues – Steering Group

(See: **The Way Forward – Item 9**)

7. Grant Funding – Jenny Hemmings

In the absence of Jenny, Julie Phillips took up this issue.

After discussion with June Balcombe it was ascertained that the wrong form had been downloaded from the Council Website and therefore on the correct form there is no time limit for a grant application.

June advised the meeting what was required before we could apply for the grant of up to £5,000 – i.e

(a) What it was for...

(b) Costing and receipts...

8. Village Design Statement - Jenny Boutle

The Group referred to the Village Design Statement and acknowledged that a number of areas were going to overlap. Jenny said it was about build, structure and planning and it is used to assist the Parish Council in development and will be taken into consideration and incorporated as part of what Village Vision are doing.

9. The Way Forward

A number of ideas on how to move forward were discussed including targeting existing community groups, setting up a stand in the centre of the village and some form of fun events.

June Balcombe suggested that we needed to develop a project plan using the Toolkit as guidance and she would see if she could produce some more printed copies for the Group.

Jenny Boutle made the observation that we had not had much response from the older teenage range and that this should be one of the groups that we should attempt to target when we do presentations, but it is difficult to know how to go about it. She stated that previously there was a youth council but this was disbanded some time ago.

(i) Survey: Important Issues

It was agreed that we had enough information to adopt a more targeted approach once the information had been properly analyzed.

Action: Elena Perez-Minana and Dennis Barber

(ii) Community Assets and Profile – June Balcombe

June said of the need to collate the above and there was a lot of discussion at the meeting about what needs to be done. It was recognised that much of the information would already be available within the Parish Council's Village Design Statement and that information should be a starting point for us.

Action: Jenny Boutle

10. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting: Monday 21st September, 2009

Jenny Boutle volunteered to provide the tea and coffee