

VILLAGE VISION

(Oakley, Newfound and Deane)

MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP – MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 2009

MINUTES

Present:

Jenny Boutle, Dennis Barber, Kay and John Pratchett, Dorothy Collard, Elena Perez-Minana, Jean and Philip Gadd

Resignations:

**Julie and David Phillips (Chairpersons),
Jenny Hemmings (Treasurer)**

1. Election of New Chairperson

After due considerations, including the option of rotating the position of chairperson, which didn't find favour, Phil Gadd was unanimously elected in the role.

Matters arising from meeting 21st September, 2009 (Items 2 – 13)

2. Ten highest issues (Questionnaire Analysis)

Dennis Barber

Dennis presented his analysis identifying the ten highest issues from the questionnaire data:

- (i) Provision of Post Office/Postal Services
- (ii) Surrounding Countryside
- (iii) Maintenance of Roads and Footpaths
- (iv) Traffic through the Parish
- (v) Danger spots for vehicles/nuisance on-street parking
- (vi) Key trees and wildlife areas
- (vii) Emergency Services
- (viii) Management, maintenance Public Green Areas/quality civic spaces
- (ix) Access to Chemist
- (x) Access to Health Information & Health

Action: Dennis Barber to send data to Chairman

2/4. Merge Information (Questionnaire Analysis)

Elena Perez-Minana

Elena presented her analysis of merging the questionnaire data with the post-it note campaign data collected.

The results supported the top ten findings as listed at item 2.

5. Action Plan (Questionnaire Analysis)

The Group

It was identified and agreed that the group needed a more structured project plan to reflect what work had been undertaken, where we are now, and future needs and targets. This plan should include timelines with a projected end date if possible.

January 2011 was a suggestion.

Kay Pratchett agreed to undertake this task and prepare a draft plan for consultation.

Action: Kay Pratchett

6. Authorization (School Meeting)

Dorothy Collard

Dorothy presented a draft letter to Mr Howe, Headteacher of Oakley Junior School, covering the acceptability of publishing the school minutes on the Village Vision web site and/or linking the Village Vision website to the websites of both schools. The letter also covered, Questions to Discuss, as at Item 7 and possible senior school involvement, as at item 9. The contents were discussed by the Group and following some minor amendments, agreed.

Action: Dorothy Collard

7. Questions to Discuss (School Meeting)

The Group

It was suggested children raised questions around some or all of the following topics:-

- (a) Environment – i.e. litter
- (b) Footpaths
- (c) Open Areas
- (d) Playgrounds
- (e) Wildlife
- (f) Countryside around the village
- (g) Transport – Walk or Ride
- (h) Road Safety
- (i) Sports facilities
- (j) Leisure
- (k) Clubs and Activities

8. Badges (School Meeting)

Julie Phillips

Julie had e-mailed some contact details in relation to this.
It was decided not to pursue the badges.

9. Senior School (School Meeting)

Dorothy Collard

Dorothy would speak to Mr Howe (Headteacher Oakley Junior School) as to whether we could include senior school pupils from the village. This is covered in Dorothy's letter as at Item 6.

10. Village Design Statement

The Group

The Group reviewed this document for Village Vision's Action Plan in the future.

11. Parish in Bloom

Jenny Boutle

Whilst this would be a lovely concept, it was decided that we could not proceed with this further at the present time as it did not fall within our remit.

12. Business Links

Dorothy Collard

Whilst establishing local business links with the parish is a credible goal, it does not fall within our remit.

13. Quorum Meetings

The Group

The Group agreed that due to the reduced size of the Committee it would be appropriate to set a quorum of five members.

14. Any Other Business

Kay Pratchett volunteered to contact local groups (four or five to start) with a view to getting some detailed and specific answers to the 'Ten Highest Issues'.

Action: Kay Pratchett

Date of Next Meeting –

16th November, 2009