

VILLAGE VISION

(Oakley, Newfound and Deane)

MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP - MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER, 2009

MINUTES

Present: Jenny Boutle, Dennis Barber, Julie Phillips, Elena Pérez-Miñana, Dorothy Collard

Apologies: Jean and Phil Gadd, Jenny Hemmings, Kay and John Pratchett, David Phillips, June Balcombe

Matters Arising: Items 1 – 3

1. Questionnaire analysis - Elena Pérez-Miñana, Dennis Barber

The plots were re-generated using the as source the raw data that was available in the original excel file.

There was a discrepancy between the plots that were already available, and the new set produced in the analysis.

It was decided to accept the new plots as the questionnaire's "true story"

The main ideas produced during the discussion of the analysis are:

(a) Post Office: there is no post-office sign either at the front of the One-stop shop or in any other point of the village, therefore if you're new to the area you could assume there is no post office. This might explain why so many people raised the "post office" availability as a "big issue" in the questionnaire.

b) High priorities: the analysis clearly showed that the questions under the "environment&transport" category are the ones that are of most concern to the community. Within the category, public transport and parking are "big issues" but it is not clear if they are "good" or "bad". Reasons for the importance of these questions could be:

Haphazard development of the houses

Lack of good public transport

Lack of good information on the bus routes (direction, timetables)

(c) Results of other questionnaires: it would be a good idea to merge the results of the questionnaire with the data collected in previous consultations: the ideas picked up during the Village Show, an event held on 31/01/2009.

(d) Next steps:

Classify the information on the questionnaire and produce a list of the ten highest issues (action 001).

Merge the information on the questionnaire with the data collected on the previous consultations (action 002, action 003).
Use the results as initial input for the formalisation of the V V Action Plan (action 004).

Action 001 – Dennis Barber

Action 002 – Julie Phillips

Action 003 – Elena Pérez-Miñana

Action 004 – All

2. Oakley Junior School Meeting – Dorothy Collard, Dennis Barber

The headteacher Mr Howe is attempting to improve and increase the links of the school with the other community members/groups.

Dorothy and Dennis attended the meeting. They both agreed that it had been very positive and well conducted.

The minutes from the school meeting should be made available on the V V website. In order to do this we need the authorisation from Mr Howe. (Action 005)

The school would like the children to contribute to the activities of the V V group as it would give them an excellent opportunity to become more involved with the neighbourhood.

The headmaster briefly discussed the idea of running a project, consisting on the children gathering information to identify the needs of their peer group. They should summarise their findings in a presentation that will be the final outcome of the project.

The steering group was all in favour of this idea.

There were suggestions of involving other schools in addition to the Junior school. This could be achieved with the help of Mr Howe, and Sally Harvey, the headteacher from the Infant Basingstoke & Whitchurch school.

The headteacher requires from the V V group an initial draft of the type of topics that should be covered in the questionnaire. The following suggestions were drawn up:

Need information on the number of children who will be participating.

It is probably useful to design two questionnaires: an adult and a child questionnaire (Action 006).

The children will need to gather information from their peers and their parents, using the correct set of questions in each case.

The best time to run the project is the term up to Christmas 2009, as this is the period at which the schools have more time to run additional projects.

The steering group should make available an initial set of questions, which should target three audiences:

Children at the Infant school.

Children at the Junior school.

Adults. (this group is made up of children's parents)

Suggestions, ideas to produce the questions:

Use as input the big issues highlighted in past consultations.

Determine the usefulness of asking open questions.

Make an initial profile of the target audience because the issues relevant to adults are not necessarily aligned with those of the children.

To provide the children with an additional incentive to be involved in this work, the Steering group has agreed to issue a set of badges that will be handed out to all the

children that return completed questionnaires. Need to look at costs of producing the badges. (Action 007)

The costs of producing the copies of the questionnaires that will be used for the school project will be covered by the V V committee.

It would be a good idea to also run similar projects on the senior schools, i.e. Testbourne and Cranbourne. The difficulty in this case is how to involve (or not) the children that don't live in the Parish. This needs to be discussed with Mr Howe. (Action 008)

Action 005 – Dorothy Collard to talk to Mr Howe for his authorisation

Action 006 – Steering group to produce questions to discuss at next meeting

Action 007 – Julie Phillips to bring information on costs of producing badges

Action 008 – Dorothy Collard to talk to Mr Howe on how to involve the Senior school

3. The Oakley Village Design Statement – Jenny Boutle

Jenny handed out hardcopies of the Design Statement. Everybody should review it, as this document constitutes the building block on which the V V's Action Plan should be based. (Action 009)

Action 009 – All

4. V V projects to improve life in the Parish

4.1 The Parish going green

Ask the One-Stop shop to help customer avoid the need for plastic bags to carry their shopping. Motivate the people to bring their own carrier bags.

Provide a simple carbon calculator so each person in the Parish can determine their "Carbon footprint".

Request that Oakley's surgery extend their opening hours, in order to avoid the trip to the Overton surgery.

Motivate the children to walk to school. This might be a bit tricky given the current difficulties with traffic. It might be worth contemplating the creation of a one-way system in Oakley as this should probably make walking less hazardous.

4.2 The Parish in Bloom

Action 010 Jenny will look at the available mechanisms to get this project up and running for next spring.

4.3 Build links with businesses in the Parish

Action 011 Dorothy will look into ways of getting the local businesses to get involved with improving the Parish through funding and local activities.

5. Any Other Business

Action 012 The committee needs to discuss what to do in future meetings if there is not enough quorum.

Date of next meeting: Monday 19th October, 2009

Forgot to agree who would provide the tea and coffee.