

Coleorton Parish Plan Committee

MINUTES OF GROUP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th March 2007 AT THE ANGEL PUB

Members Present

Terry Hastlow, Paula Haggart, Simon Haggart, Sandra Dillon, Grainne Kelly, Jennie Beeby , Steve Copeland

Apologies

Sandra Wright, Councillor Webster, Michael Specht, Christine Riley-Jordan, Peter Riley-Jordan.

Previous Minutes

Passed as a true record of proceedings

Matters Arising

ACTION

Secretary Post

Steve Copeland explained that if there were no volunteers to undertake the role of secretary, he suggested that the group took it in turns to write up the minutes and arrange the next meeting. He agreed to produce the minutes of the meeting.

SC

Terry Hastlow suggested that he might be able to persuade someone and would report back at the next meeting. Steve Copeland advised the group that he would be away for the next meeting and asked Terry Hastlow if he would be prepared to Chair the meeting and arrange for minutes to be produced.

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Meeting Location

Steve Copeland informed the committee that having requested free use of the Coleorton School Hall for meetings, he had received a reply from the Chair of Governors. Although the School Governors were keen for the school to play an active part in the community, they would only allow us to use the school hall if we paid, albeit 'at cost' rates. The committee agreed that, to ensure the most efficient use of the Parish Plan's very limited budget, they were happy to continue meeting in one of the village pubs.

ALL

Jennie Beeby had received an invoice from Coleorton School for the use of their hall. This was for £23.64. Steve Copeland agreed to pass this on to the Treasurer to be paid from the Parish Plan fund held in Parish Council account. SC
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Questionnaire

Jennie Beeby advised the committee that provided the core questions were used when asking questions in specific areas, the cost of producing the questionnaire would be met by the County Council. However, she also advised that there was a review of the core questions currently being undertaken. Jennie Beeby advised the committee that she would circulate the new core questions when they had been produced. The committee would consider before the next meeting, what they thought should be in the questions. JB
ALL

The committee were advised that Richard Windley (Rural Housing Enabler) is planning to hold an Affordable Housing Exhibition at Coleorton School on the 24th May 2007. It was decided that as this was such a controversial issue, the committee could include this in the questionnaire and hopefully this would help improve the number of completed questionnaires being returned. It was agreed that Steve Copeland would question undertake a first draft of a question covering this issue. SC

The committee also agreed that it would be beneficial to ensure that the timing of the questionnaire was such as to allow the appropriate feedback to the Parish and District Councils in relation to Affordable Housing. The target date for the questionnaire was June 2007. The Footpath / Treasure Hunt event was planned for a few weeks after the Affordable Housing Exhibition and would be used to advertise the launch of the questionnaire. ALL
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The committee discussed the category areas that it proposed to cover. These Included;

1. Housing.
2. Transport.
3. Village Hall / Amenities.
4. Gas Provision.
5. Traffic Issues.
6. Lighting.
7. Post Office.

Questions would be agreed to cover all these areas. Some of the core questions would be utilized along with more specific questions drawn up by the committee. ALL

AOB

Jennie Beeby explained to the committee that Ro Riley was struggling to get Youth Workers to provide the appropriate support required. Jennie had therefore agreed to support Coleorton in consulting with the youth of the Parish. It was agreed that she would contact Gail Summerfield and ask her to participate. Grainne informed JB
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the committee that at the next Parish Council meeting on the 28th March, an effort was being made to get all those involved with working with the youth of the Parish to attend the meeting.

Sandra Dillon attended a funding fair on behalf of the committee. She agreed to produce a summary of what funding was potentially available. In addition Sandra agreed to contact Community Champions and UK Villages to ascertain whether we could obtain any additional funding for the Parish Plan. SD

Steve Copeland had received notification from the Leicestershire Funding Toolkit and the New Year Fund, informing the committee that our application had been successful. However, it appeared that we needed to purchase items and send in invoices before we would receive the payment. Steve Copeland agreed to contact the County Council to see if there was any flexibility in the process. SC

Next Meeting

The next meeting would be at 19:30 on Tuesday 10th April 2007. Simon Haggart agreed to identify the next venue and would advise all those on the contact sheet of the location. Steve Copeland was unlikely to be at the next meeting and Terry Hastlow had agreed to act as Chair. SH
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Attachments:

Draft question covering Affordable Housing.