

Minutes of Parish Plan Steering Committee Meeting – 13th February 2013

Present:

Steve Becker
Tanya Becker
Adrian Orr
Anthony D'arcy-Irvine
Terry Mundy

Apologies:

Gill Gould

	Actions
Item 1: Minutes of Last Meeting Apologies to members over non production of minutes for meeting 16 th January	Terry
Item 2: Purpose of meeting The purpose of the meeting was to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• discuss basis upon which Steering Committee would present findings of Questionnaire to Parish Council on the 27th February.• discuss how contentious issues such as the Parish Hall and feedback to the Parish Council on the perception of the respondents to their performance will be presented in a neutral non judgemental manner	-
Item 3: Venue for Parish Council Presentation The proposed venue for the presentation was the Village Hall, representing a break with tradition which would be in keeping with the precedent associated with the Questionnaire and its intent to serve as a sounding board for Parishioners views	-
Item 4: Facilities for Children Discussions focussed on Children's facilities, or lack thereof and the Grants Road facilities which were due to be doubled in size due to the County Council, gifting some adjoining land to the current facility, to the Parish. Uncertainty existed as to source of funding for the extended play park furniture. It was suggested that whilst there was such facilities for the young, there was limited facilities for teenagers beyond the	-

<p>Youth Club and that the next Questionnaire to be issued should comprise a section for this age group in order to get their perspective.</p>	
<p>Item 5: Parish Hall</p> <p>There appeared surprisingly to be a body of opinion in favour of retention of the facility. However to justify retention a unique function would need to be identified, particularly as retention would necessitate a significant investment. Respondents indicated a 9% regular attendance and a further 10% occasional attendance indicating a very tenuous case for retention.</p> <p>It was concluded that the Parish Council should develop options for the future of the Hall in their capacity as Trustees of the Parish Hall</p>	-
<p>Item 6: Parish Council</p> <p>The general view of respondents to the questionnaire was that the Parish Council were remote with a significant proportion (30%) being unaware of what they did and whilst minutes of the meetings were posted on notice boards around the Parish, few people were prepared to pour through the minutes presented in this way. It was proposed that a synopsis of the minutes should appear in the Enford Newsletter, to achieve wider awareness and appreciation of the Council's activities.</p> <p>Additionally greater transparency and justification for donations from the precept should be established.</p> <p>These initiatives should be supplemented by a formalised Parish Directory, website and email system.</p> <p>It was recognised that whilst the above detailed initiatives would raise the profile of the Parish Council and potentially enhance their standing within the community, it was at this stage, a wish list and it was for the Council to respond to the questionnaire in a considered manner and not for the Steering Committee to propose such initiatives at this stage</p>	-
<p>Item 7: Presentation to Parish Council</p> <p>Each presentation should be no more than 5 minutes and should be interactive</p> <p>Report to be issued to the Parish Council after the presentation whereupon they should be given a reasonable time frame for their considered response – one month should be a reasonable expectation for a response</p>	All

It was considered that Adrian would be best placed to present governance due to his Parish Councillor status enabling a more neutral and balanced view presented /received by the Council

Presentations should be as follows:

		Tanya	Gill	Adrian	Anthony	Terry	Steve
1	Introduction						x
2	Communication					x	
3	Household					x	
4	Transport				x		
5	Shopping				x		
6	Community	x					
7	Church	x					
8	Dislikes		x				
9	Likes		x				
10	Comments (Q70)		x				
11	Village Hall						x
12	Parish Hall						x
13	Governance			x			
14	Way forward						x

Date of next meeting

Rehearsal 25th February 19.00hrs Coombe Lane
 Presentation to Parish Council 27th February to be held in the Parish Hall