

BINLEY WOODS VILLAGE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER 2012

The meeting was attended by:

Ken Short, Chris Bowen, Avis Dolan, Karen George, Linda Harbour, Diana Henderson, John Henderson, Doug Hodgkinson, Evelyn Humphreys, Janet Outhwaite, Mark Pickles, Paul Salisbury, Barbara Wilson, Viv Wood, Anne Tippet (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies received from: John Stanley, Kath Salisbury, Heather Timms, Andy Dowling

Thanks to Mark for doing the Minutes of the September meeting.

There was a correction to the Treasurer's report – rather than being slightly over budget, we were actually under budget by some £300, although we had yet to pay any postal charges in respect of the main survey questionnaire.

Avis and Barbara had resolved the spreadsheet issues.

Ken had followed up the returned questionnaires which looked as if sections had been unintentionally left incomplete but only one had included an address and they had completed the document. Most questionnaires had been distributed with the remaining over the next weekend. Returned Volunteer Interest Sheets were being completed and forwarded to the interested groups. There had been Press Releases to the media and some very positive coverage.

The prize draw would be taken by the Parish Council prior to the meeting on Wednesday 21st November. It would only be open to residents in Binley Woods; members of the Pariah Council and the Steering Committee were not eligible, but volunteers were. The main prize will be paid by cheque with the youth ones being cash.

Chairman's Report

The Project was going well with an encouraging response. Plans were being made for the Open Day on 3rd November.

As of tonight, 327 completed questionnaires had been received representing 28.3% of the village, 59 volunteer sheets and one Housing Survey six months late! 40% were being returned anonymously. There were questions as whether all the flats in Court Leet had received their questionnaires and the Chairman agreed to check this. The returned questionnaires represented a good cross section of the village but there was a need to encourage more teenagers to complete theirs – difficult to reach as they are educated out of the village.

Thanks were given to those inputting the returned information.

Several returned documents expressed thanks to those undertaking this survey.

The information returned on the Library will be used to support the Parish Council's bid for the Library.

Once all the questionnaires are returned there will be a need to re-schedule meetings of the sub groups, possibly with additional sub groups to allow the work to be split into smaller and less daunting amounts. It was agreed that this should be thought through and discussed further at the next meeting as to the best way to proceed. Dates would be arranged at the November meeting.

Open Day

The Hall would be open between 10 and 4.00 on Saturday 3rd November with setting up on the Friday from 6.00. Ken would update everyone with their commitments.

Mark Pawsey MP was possibly attending and the WCC District Councillors would be reminded of the event. There was a possibility that the three candidates for the Police Commissioners would attend and there would be a big publicity campaign if this was so. Ken and John would put more information on the website. Posters were up all over the village.

The displays would include information from the last Open Day including maps of the growth of the village and the green belt area. Photographs of the village will also be shown with the opportunity for more to be screened. Paul Salisbury would provide the screen and the projector. The sign-in would be via a map with dots as per previous Open Day which had proved to be well received and interesting to see where the support came from. The Housing Needs results would be displayed. Neighbourhood Watch would be attending. Lindsey Clever would be bringing her village map so that residents could see progress.

Neighbourhood Planning

Ken and Chris had attended the Localism Day which gave an overview of Neighbourhood Plans and the legal implications. The Neighbourhood Plan doesn't restrict the Parish Plan. This would enable other issues to be attached including the woods, Brandon etc. There was a need to understand it better. It was agreed to complete the Parish Plan and then if necessary adapt it as a Neighbourhood Plan to keep our options open and to make sure that what is being undertaken is capable of being included at a later date. Neighbourhood Planning training is available free and Doug, Chris, Ken and Mark agreed to attend with a preference for the 19th January date which Ken would book on our behalf.

Treasurer's Report

The Accounts were distributed. Postage costs still had to be added. It was considered that they were still healthy. Printing has been paid but there had not been a provision made for envelopes. The original figures were based on guesstimates with the printers. VAT has also had to be added to the Survey Monkey bill.

Webmaster's Report

In John's absence, Ken reported on the web page and Facebook activity. Both are being used more with several comments on the skate park. Plans to put a Village Hall page on it to encourage more use.

AOB

Evelyn had attended Brandon Local History Group and hoped that it would be possible to start something similar in the village.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th November at 7.30 pm in the Morrison Room.