

Community Engagement Working Party

Meeting, Brunel Room

March 11th 2015

Minutes

Those in attendance: I. Dewar, S. Partington, S. Smith, R. Wisdom

The following items were discussed:

1. Sutton Parish Neighbourhood Plan – The way forward.

Meet the residents – Community engagement

It was agreed that in order to progress the Vision, Aims and Objectives we should as previously discussed break this down into the following areas:

- a. Biodiversity
- b. Housing
- c. Sport
- d. Recreation and Leisure
- e. Services
- f. Transport

To ensure that we engage the views of residents it was proposed that we hold a series of meetings involving members of Clubs and Societies in the village. To achieve this we first examine the list that we have of Clubs and Societies prior to then contacting them, in the first instance by telephone to see if they would be interested.

Action: R. Wisdom to distribute list of Clubs and Societies to the Working Party

Other ideas for gaining the views of residents were as follows:

- **Stall at village events** e.g. Gault Day, Picnic in the Park, School fete, Church festival.
- **Contact with local Estate agents and contact on the Elean Business Park**

Population Projections

It was proposed that ECDC are contacted to ask them for the population projections - profile and growth.

Action: I. Dewar to contact ECDC

Housing

Having discussed the limitations for House building in the village as outlined in the Local Plan, it was suggested that one way of facilitating a further requirement for growth would be to examine 'Passive Housing', 'Self Build' and 'Housing of Architectural importance.' In the first instance it was agreed that South Cambs District Council should be contacted for information on their Self Build plan.

Action: I. Dewar to contact South Cambs District Council

Grants

It was proposed that we should first examine what grants we can apply for. It was then suggested that such funding could then be used to pay for the specialist fees e.g. Experts in the fields of Neighbourhood Planning, Social services. It was also suggested that we should be able to lean on specialists within the village (for example Micare, Bartrams) who could provide such services for free.

SEETEC

Further to recent information on this topic (a form of internship, up to 30 hours a week for six months) – it was suggested that we consider this route for possible project work during the Neighbourhood Planning process.

2. Pepperpot – April issue

It was proposed that our editorial entry covers two issues

- Neighbourhood Plan - Encouraging residents to become a part of the group working on the Neighbourhood Plan
- Parish Council elections – encourage those interested to stand for election.

Next Meeting: TBD