

**Minutes of the Hunton Parish Plan Steering Committee
Thursday 24th June 2015 @ 8.15pm - Hunton Village Club**

Present: Annette Trought (Chair), Mike Summersgill (Secretary),
Steve & Sue Wyles, Alison Ellman-Brown.
In Attendance: None
Apologies sent: Kathy Reid (Treas.), Di Martin, David Heaton, Ron Porter

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those attending the meeting.

2. Minutes of 29th April 2015

It was agreed that the minutes of this earlier meeting were an accurate record. Actions from previous Minutes had generally been completed, and any remaining points are repeated below.

Plan Priority 1 – Highways and Transport

3. Community Speedwatch

SW commented that there had been no Speedwatch sessions since April but that they were going to be some more shortly, and the request for further volunteers in the Herald had drawn one more person into the speedtrap. It was noted that the closures on West Street for roadworks may delay things.

Plan Priority 2 – Village Infrastructure

4. Village Shop

First three Pop-up Shops this year had been successful, with 2 dates to come (26/9, 24/10 – none in the Summer period).

Plan Priority 3 – Environment

5. Community Orchard

Barbara reported: On June 7th there was a group meeting and tidy-up, for Fete. Next objective is to erect a post/rail fence to demarcate the area of the orchard from that of the cricket pitch.

6. Footpath Village to Hall

The edges of the footpath had been strimmed back recently, as part of the contract. Some weed spraying would be useful. Path in general use for walking/jogging/pushchairs.

7. NEW – Heritage Tree Survey.

Mike will be requesting information, through the July Herald, about old and 'community' trees in the Parish, for recording in a Kent database later in year. There was a 5-year plan to record 10,000 trees and we were in the last year – Hunton has just 2 trees on record to date; it is thought there are several more.

Plan Priority 4 – Community

8. Litter Picking

A litter pick was held on June 13th before the Fete, and didn't produce as much rubbish as last year. Post-meeting: next MBC Freighter is 29th August @ 1.40pm at Village Hall.

9. Village Musical Evenings

Hall Committee had considered viability/frequency of events at AGM, and decided to continue with about 4-5 a year. Artists booked for Oct, Nov, Jan.

10. Other Village Events

Antiques Fayre at Church may be held again in September, but Alison to confirm. There was discussion around needing not to organise too many events for the village. The Harvest Supper will take place on 27th Sept & the Christmas Fayre on Dec 12th (clashes with a wedding at Hall). Friends of St.Mary's dance event at the Village Hall - Nov 14th.

11. Neighbourhood Watch

Three more members had joined at the Fete, possibility that there may now be someone to act as co-ordinator for Grove Lane. There had been some minor thefts in adjacent villages/areas. The Security system & CCTV cameras at Hall had been installed; information is trickling back to SW.

NEW Agenda ITEM -

Neighbourhood Plan – Next Steps.

The 12 week initial consultation period ended at Fete weekend; a few more responses received. AT, RP & SW have then to collate 26 pages of A4 and 13 pages from meetings at School and other locales. The next action will be to analyse the data and present it to the village via the Herald. Further stages may include community workshops aimed at drilling down in more depth into issues raised. There is no statutory timescale as such to report to PC with a draft Plan, which could then be circulated to village, but progress will be as rapid as circumstances permit.

AOB & Correspondence

Xmas lights at the Hall front; concern raised during electrical 2-year check. There is possibly to be an extra length to the Orchard – but depends how the Pavilion is to be connected and if there could be a line off their new cable.

Cricket Pavilion had been officially 'handed over' on Fete day, but not yet with connected services. Field had been re-profiled after levelling the ruts.

Communications Strategy –two posters printed up, at minor cost, for promoting Fete/Applause show; team are considering rolling this out to include other events in the village. The Hunton Facebook page is 'active' and doing well.

Last time AOB - Mike had raised the question of who had access to keys for notice boards in villages for when Hunton events need 'poster' publicity in adjacent parishes – Sharon to list contact, after Mike had advised which ones.

No other/new Correspondence received at gMail address; Secretary monitors.

Last Minutes had been sent round with another email request to 28 recipients if they still wished to receive Minutes; 3 more had responded Yes. Mike will ask again for this set Minutes, then remove non-reply names from Circulation.

Future Meeting Dates

The dates for 2015 were 02Sep, 18Nov. Apologies from Secretary for 02 Sept.