

**Minutes of the Hunton Parish Plan Steering Committee
Wednesday 26th June 2013 @ 8pm - Hunton Village Club**

Present: Mrs Annette Trought (Chair), Mrs Barbara Wright, Steve & Mrs Sue Wyles, David Heaton, Ms Di Martin, Mrs Alison Ellman-Brown, Mike Summersgill (Secretary)

In Attendance None

Apologies Mrs Kathy Reid (Treasurer), Guy Oliver, Tony Stanbridge?

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone attending the meeting. Two apologies were received by email, comments from Kathy & Guy are incorporated in Minutes.

2. Minutes of 1st May 2013

It was agreed that the minutes of this earlier meeting were an accurate record. Actions from previous Minutes had generally been completed, and any outstanding points are noted below. Updates were also taken under AOB.

Plan Priority 1 – Highways and Transport

3. Community Speedwatch

The committee learnt that the last two SpeedWatches had resulted in 2 car/van numbers being recorded and passed to the Police, for letters sent.

Action: Steve and Sue have joined. Guy to send next date round

Plan Priority 2 – Village Infrastructure

4. Village Shop

The second 'pop-up' shop was also successful, with similar takings and produce, and another one happens on 6th July; dates for others are in Herald. Alison suggested there should be better signage, heading North; agreed.

Reminder - There is a Craft Market on 7th September, and a Fundraising Concert on 14th September (trip to London); Louise Ferns organising these.

Plan Priority 3 – Environment

5. Community Orchard

A general clean-up of the orchard area, with picnic, happened on 9th June. There will be a community event there on 29th September; details in Herald. The joint funding bid is in, but no decision expected until Aug/Sept. A discussion on the need for a lawnmower (sharing costs with Church) and hedge trimming took place – passed to the Parish Council to discuss.

Action: David & Steve will feed back any views from Council.

6. Footpath

Footpath WAS in place in time for the Fete!. The school had used it, and so had some parents. Very positive feedback and kudos to the Parish Council. First case of fly-tipping (leylandii hedge) had already occurred, but removal by MBC, actioned by the nascent Neighbourhood Watch team. There is to be a hedge trim at the Bensted Close end (permission received) and infilling a low spot outside the Hall, to prevent buggies having to go out onto West Street.

Mark Pritchard from Medway Valley Partners was scheduled to be invited to the September meeting of this group, to discuss the hedgerow work that could be done alongside the footpath, but as the hedge was to be cut by KCC at their expense in Aug/Sept (as part of the footpath works), any ideas for managing the hedge would be relevant in 2014. Mike is to ask Mark Pritchard to come and have a look round after the hedge cutting, and possibly talk to Committee at 30th October meeting about this (and other biodiversity issues)

Action:

MikeS to contact Mark Pritchard with new dates/times

7. Neighbourhood Plan

There had been no recent progress report (again) on the MBC Core Strategy or Neighbourhood Plans, but activity is being monitored by the Parish Council; who are the responsible body for initiating/completing any Housing Needs Survey. It was noted that the land north of Bensted Close had been put forward to MBC as an 'available' site for village development, but it was not known whether the Council planners had made any further 'local' enquiries.

8. Sustainability/Biodiversity

Mike Summersgill confirmed that he was still seeking to get the archive information on Trees from the Parish Warden, but that he was starting work on a large-scale mapping exercise for the streams, ponds and ditches (no added help needed yet on this; maybe in the Autumn). Council had renewed its membership/subscription to the Kent tree/pond wardens scheme.

Plan Priority 4 – Community

9. Litter Picking

Last one (June) produced 27 black sacks, event though it seemed that roadsides were less 'dirty' than previous litter picks—noted that many verges had been recently strimmed by the Council, so this helped with the activity (in most places). Next litter picking event is to be on 26th October 2013 (date suggested); Di Martin will order equipment and has to confirm Insurances.

10. Village Hall Events

Two events planned for May went well. Applause had received more funding, so one event in September planned. Hall AGM tomorrow; Mike, Alison & Annette attended.

11. Hunton Court Events

Annette updated the Committee on proposals for future events at the Court. The Napoleonic War re-enactment went well on 25-26th May, but no publicity had been seen for the regional Pony Club dressage event on 7th July.

12. Village Events

Annette reported back to the Parish Council AGM on 20th May. The Fete did well, in windy weather, and several people complimented the organisers on an 'authentic' English summer fete; with many thanks to Phil Nichols' PA skills.

13. Neighbourhood Watch

Steve & Sue reported that there was now a drive to re-start this in the village, and that there would be a 'flyer' in the July Herald about NW. There were two Co-ordinators and 5 Volunteers, and there had been a stand at the Fete; there would be a 'formal' launch meeting on 19th September

14. AOB & Correspondence

- a. Email received to HPPC from Jacqueline Leach (a resident of Bensted Close) who receives the Minutes, asking for more information on the comment about potential land development in last Minutes; this relates to the Hubble land, and Annette will reply (details as in the Minutes).
- b. Abi Jessop had sent the 2013 MBC/Councillor funding call details through by email; Mike had passed these on to Steve, David & Tony.
- c. Annette advised that she had still not replied formally (from the PPC) to the pre-Xmas communication from David Hubble expressing concern about the apparent lack of action/activity on the Proposal for land re-deployment adjacent Bensted Close. Mike was asked to re-circulate this letter, as he (and Steve) hadn't been on the original circulation list, being new/2013 Plan Committee members. Mike noted that until the Government explains its national Planning Framework in detail, and MBC publishes a Core Strategy, everything is in a state of limbo.
- d. There had been discussion at the Fete with the Councillor opening it about what more the Parish needs as a facility. The placing of some picnic/round benches/tables near the Car Park and Playground was suggested. PPC should prompt this request to the Parish Council.

Action:

Secretary to check Emails sent by Judi, and re-send Letter to Annette and those not receiving it first time. Annette to write.

15. Future Meeting Dates

These were published for 2013 on the Agenda for this meeting, next one **4th September**. Prospective dates for 2014 should be discussed at next meeting.