

**Minutes of the Hunton Parish Plan Steering Committee  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2014 @ 8pm - Hunton Village Club**

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

In Attendance: None  
Absent: Tony Stanbridge

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone attending the meeting. Guy Oliver had stood down from the Committee; no apologies/email received from Tony Stanbridge.

**2. Minutes of 30<sup>th</sup> October 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 remaining points are repeated below.

**Plan Priority 1 – Highways and Transport**

**3. Community Speedwatch**

The committee learnt that no further SpeedWatch's had taken place over the Winter, but that dates were to be set up for the longer daylight hours of Spring.

**Action: Steve to report back from Parish Council as to next steps**

**Plan Priority 2 – Village Infrastructure**

**4. Village Shop**

Eight dates for 2014 had been publicised in the Hunton Herald including one at the Club (22<sup>nd</sup> March) and hopefully at the Church (19<sup>th</sup> April), then monthly.

**Action: Annette to report back as to how things go with Pop-up.**

**Plan Priority 3 – Environment**

**5. Community Orchard**

There was a cleared space, and 30 saplings have been promised by the Woodland Trust. The next orchard meeting with Pippa Palmar to discuss funding and development will be on 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Action: Barbara to report back on programme/events for 2014.**

**6. Footpath**

Footpath in place, but School walking bus apparently unprepared for it, citing H&S reasons; Mike suggested KCC 'Walk on Wednesday' scheme be used.

Mark Pritchard from Medway Valley Partnership had visited in December to discuss the hedgerow work that could be undertaken alongside the footpath in now the metre 'cut' had happened. He is to provide a scheme for planting, and an idea of costs so that we could aim for project funding (several ideas)

**Action: MikeS to contact Mark Pritchard to attend April PP meeting**

### **7. Neighbourhood Plan**

The MBC priority site listing is being monitored by the Parish Council, and no Hunton site was on the issued list. However, PC chairman had received a communication from Mr. Hubble about the land near Bensted Close and a possibility of Parish using/buying it for car parking and/or community housing.

Mike had been provided with a copy of (Dec 2013) Coxheath Neighbourhood Plan consultation document by RogerS, which he now passed to Annette. RS would like PPSC to progress the Housing Needs Survey and asked PPSC to do this; meeting agreed to assist in distributing a questionnaire, but it had to be PC-led. Formal request/agreement to go ahead with this Survey agreed.

**Action: Steve/David to report back from next PC meeting on HNS.**

### **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 had started work on mapping exercise for ponds & ditches (assisted by Nature in recent weeks). He had further information from Mark Pritchard about pond clearance funding.

**Action: Mike to advise on mapping/project work if/when needed.**

## **Plan Priority 4 – Community**

### **9. Litter Picking**

Will next be held on be 29<sup>th</sup> March; Di Martin to organise the volunteers and MBC. There had been a couple of recent fly tipping events; MBC cleaned up.

### **10. Village Hall Music Events**

Two events in November & February went well musically, but attendance below 50 for each one (break-even level). Mike had booked an Applause gig for April, and was looking at something more from them in Autumn. Two other events will be held in March and May, funded/aided by the Hall Committee.

Suggested that a comedy night might be a good event; the May gig is actually humorous music... Might also use Applause Outdoor performers for the Fete.

### **11. Hunton Court Events**

Nothing firm on future events, but Napoleonic War re-enactors and Ashford Dressage were said to be coming back (publicity in KM about Napoleonic event), and Friends of ST. Mary's are doing the Bar-B-Q for the horse event.

### **12. Village Events**

Village Panto is 8-10<sup>th</sup> April. Annual Fete is on 21<sup>st</sup> June. The Craft Fair will be repeated this year, on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Xmas Fair will be held on second Saturday in December. There is much going on in the village; many involved.

### **13. Neighbourhood Watch**

Steve & Sue reported that there was 104 properties signed up, representing 35% of the village; a few 'rural' patches are still in need of a Co-ordinator – a February newsletter (no. 3) had just been distributed by email & hand delivery. Not much to report in Hunton (heat oil theft and car break-in), other villages being affected more. Hunton Watch had been awarded 'Best in Class' cup at regional NW meeting in Maidstone, being reported/pictured in Downs Mail.

### **14. AOB & Correspondence**

No AOB on the night, and no Items received for Correspondence (except Coxheath Plan, see item 7 above). Annette had formally offered PPSC support for new cricket pavilion, but no news on any funding award yet. Benches for Playground area been agreed by PC; picnic tables on agenda.

### **15. Future Meeting Dates**

Prospective dates for later in 2014 were discussed, and finalised as 27<sup>th</sup> Aug and 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. Having regard to PC meeting date for AGM (12/5) and date of Fete, next 2 PPSC meetings would be on 30<sup>th</sup> April & 2<sup>nd</sup> July (one with MVP).