

**Minutes of the Hunton Parish Plan Steering Committee
Thursday 18th November 2015 @ 8.15pm - Hunton Village Club**

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those attending the meeting.

2. Minutes of 2nd September 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 one Speedwatch session in Sept, and one in November, with three envisaged w/c 23rd Nov (as part of a county-wide initiative). Last Speedwatch had caught 8 speeders, with 3 going >45mph.

Plan Priority 2 – Village Infrastructure

4. Village Shop

Final two Pop-up Shops this year in Sept & Oct were moderately successful, with the future of these in 2016 to be discussed by the working group soon.

Plan Priority 3 – Environment

5. Community Orchard

David reported: The planned clear-up didn't happen, and will be combined with planting in January. The Bat & Moth evening was well attended, and liked by school/families. There is to be a Dawn Chorus event on 8th May 2016. The Oral History project is ongoing; Mike mentioned that this might tie in with the WI 50th anniversary project – updating/comparing the WI's 1965 Record Book.

6. Footpath Village to Hall

Path in general use for walking/jogging/pushchairs; nothing new to report.

7. NEW – Heritage Tree Survey.

Mike confirmed that the Hadlow Tree Warden had yet to visit to assess/record, but that several old trees had been reported to him by (mostly) older residents

Plan Priority 4 – Community

8. Litter Picking

A litter pick was held on October 10th, which was only attended by 6 people and took all morning, and produced 23 sacks of rubbish and some larger items. Di is holding a lunchtime drinks for the volunteers in December, and next pick is in March. Post-meeting: next MBC Freighter is 6th February @ 1.40pm.

9. Village Musical Evenings

Hall had musical events booked in Nov & January, and a Play on December 30th; a further gig in April was booked, but 2016 may see less events – the numbers attending from Hunton residents was declining, while publicity to other villages meant they were now the majority of audience. It was suggested that Mike send pdf of Play to Herschel at School for publicity, as it was aimed at family audience, ages 8+.

10. Other Village Events

The Harvest Supper took place on 27th Sept & the Christmas Fayre on Dec 12th; no Antiques Fayre date for 2016 has yet been agreed. Friends of St.Mary's dance event at the Village Hall - Nov 14th - was cancelled due to band member illness; to be re-run in Nov 2016. Club AGM on Dec 8th will discuss the future of that facility, and there is a Panto next Easter @ Hall.

11. Neighbourhood Watch

No new members had joined recently, and an Update will appear in Herald. There had been some minor thefts in adjacent villages/areas, and a couple in Hunton. Steve & Sue would report back from the Maidstone area NW meet.

NEW Agenda ITEM 5 - Neighbourhood Plan – Next Steps.

The details of the consultation with village had been published in a special Herald supplement in November issue. The working group would probably come back to the village in the Spring; this may need a facilitation exercise which is not chaired by a Parish Council member. In the meantime, no action from PPSG was required; await request for man/woman-power next Spring.

AOB & Correspondence

Xmas lights at the Hall front; possibly to be an extra length to the Orchard? – Pavilion is now connected with a new cable supply in trench, from rear of hall.

Communications Strategy – The Hunton Facebook page is 'active' and doing well, publicising Hall gigs and Autumn Lunches (all well attended in Oct/Nov)

Last time AOB – Letter to KCC had been discussed at Parish Council meeting, and probably sent. Mike wondered if the long delay and re-laying of kerbs had been noted in that letter, as several Hall weddings had been disrupted.

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

Future Meeting Dates

The proposed (quarterly) dates for 2016 were 24Feb, 25May, 07Sep, 30Nov.