

Meriden Parish Appraisal Steering Group Minutes from meeting 13 October 2008

Present: Sharon Tuersley, Ian Tuersley, Julie Hall, Clive Jones, Terry Scott, Iain Roxburgh, Tessa Roxburgh, Paul Blewitt, Mandy, Haque, Paul Lee, Mel Lee

1. Apologies: Jacquie Fisher, Rosie Weaver, Pat Wright

2. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

- The theme groups have now been set out clearly. Iain will arrange a meeting for the Planning & Transport group and Sharon will arrange one for the Community and Environment group.
- Iain has agreed with Phil Greenaway that ESOS can submit their invoice. Julie has actually received the invoice now for the agreed amount of £2000 +VAT. Phil expressed a wish to stay involved with the Steering Group. Ian T asked whether ESOS had provided any feedback on the experience. Iain R suggested that he would write them a thank you letter for their work, their contribution in kind and asking for any feedback on the process.

4. Arrangements for 15 October 2008

Prior to our report there will be a presentation on raising awareness about terrorism and Birmingham International airport. Our session starts at 8pm.

- Our session will present the results of the survey, stressing that this is the factual interpretation of the survey but simultaneously stressing key and emerging issues and priorities. Iain has compiled a presentation that participants are able to take away with them.
- There will then follow a questions and discussion session.
- The final part of the session will explain that we're a significant way through the process and that the parish can now start considering what needs to be done about certain issues and who will be responsible for them. Iain will outline the process for the start of this, explain the theme groups, recruit volunteers with special interests or expertise and set out the tasks involved.

5. Regional Spatial Strategy

Iain raised the issue about the press release from the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) detailing the commissioning of independent planning consultants to advise how the WM's housing numbers can be further increased beyond those already agreed regionally in the draft Regional Spatial Strategy. 3 options have been put forward:

- Spread the additional growth of housing across the region
- Maximise growth by a further 80,000 units in addition to the original amount quoted for new housing in this area.

- Focus on additional housing in the South East of the Region which will have a substantial impact on Solihull and Warwickshire.

It's likely to be an issue on Wednesday. Iain will proactively discuss this issue when he covers the housing element of the questionnaire and reiterate that this news will have a large impact on the work for the Parish Appraisal and subsequent Parish Plan.

6. Analysis of results by theme groups and input into Appraisal report

- Planning and Transport group planning to meet shortly
- Community and Environment group planning to meet shortly, although they still don't have the crime statistics.
- Children and young people have a great deal of information to collate

Many of the groups will have information in common but this can be examined from different perspectives. Iain will also circulate the survey's comments so the groups can use them to add to their reports.

Iain would like reports from the themed groups by 7 November and he will circulate a skeletal draft of the Appraisal report as soon as possible.

7. Any other business

There was a discussion about the appointment of new property developers for the Maxstoke Lane Playing Field site. Julie assured the group that there were still plans to arrange a meeting between the developers (David Wilson Homes) and Meriden Parish. She will keep the group informed.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 13 November at 7:30pm at the Heart of England Club