

Meriden Parish Plan Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting 28 May 2009

1. Present: Iain Roxburgh, Rosie Weaver, Paul Lee, Melanie Lee

2. Apologies: Lis Willis, Ian and Sharon Tuersley, Paul Blewitt, Julie Hall, Pat Wright, Gerry Russell, Mandy Haque, Linda Neal, Tessa Roxburgh

3. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

4. 15 April Parish Meeting and presentation - feedback:

- It was agreed that overall feedback has been positive.

5. Draft Parish Plan (Draft 1a already circulated)

Text and overall structure – comments and suggestions

- Feedback received so far from the Steering Group was acknowledged and the main points were for consistency throughout the Plan e.g. Solihull Council vs Solihull MBC, The Green vs village green, etc
- In section 4, 'when the new housing development on the old playing field site is complete, this is expected to increase by 10%', Julie Hall pointed out that David Wilson Homes are proposing 83 houses, which is closer to 7%.
- Further guidance needed on the overall layout. It was agreed that the 'We propose' sections should be followed by a list of achievements to date (quick wins) and that the second draft will follow 'We propose' with a 'So far' section, 'So far' is the working title, and is subject to change.

Action Plan - priorities

- Key part of the Plan is section 14 'Action Plan' and will be of particular importance to our Partners in Solihull.

Further consultations

- It was agreed that the Partners needed to be consulted on the Action Plan as they play a key role in completing it.
- Rosie will contact David Bell to set up and book a Workshop at Solihull Council; Iain will contact Chief Executive, Mark Rogers about the Workshop as well.
- This workshop should take place before school holidays which start 17 July. Selections of dates were discussed to propose to Solihull Council.
- A dialogue was suggested between both churches, to include in the Plan.

- It was also agreed that a representative of Millison's Wood be sought to "Millison's Wood proof" the draft.

6. Forward Programme

Plan document production, design and printing

- Iain has consulted a work colleague with previous design experience, who has free time to prepare the layout at a reasonable cost which Rosie confirmed would be about c. £300 compared to previous estimates of c. £850.

Adoption by Parish Council, launch and distribution of Plan

- The draft plan has to go to Meriden Parish Council for formal adoption before they can go to print.
- There was a discussion as to what happens after the plan is completed and whether other models need to be adopted such as the Resident's Association, Civic Society model e.g. Warwick Society.

Celebration!

- It was agreed that an afternoon in July to celebrate the Steering Group's achievements should be held at the Heart of England Social Club. Permission was given by the club for all attendees to be able to bring their own food.
- Date agreed with the club: Saturday 11 July between 2-6pm.
- Rosie to contact all members of Steering Group who are not on email about this event.

7. AOB:

- It was agreed that the Launch date will need to be agreed following the conclusion of the discussions with Partners about the Action Plan and after the Parish Council's formal adoption of the final draft

8. Next Meeting: see Celebration! above