

CM Vision Steering Group

February 20th 2012

Those present: Dave Wallis, Kerry Bannon (Chair), Anne Barnard, Pat Bowering, Chris Challoner, Larry Bannon, Sandra Wallis, John Headon

Discussion

No apologies were received

The minutes of the last meeting were taken as read.

The Constitution

Two copies of the Constitution were signed by all members of the group. John Headon was asked to go ahead and open a bank account for the group. This will be either Barclays or The Cheshire Building Society. In the meantime, any monies collected will be put into St. Bartholomew's Church account and ring fenced as belonging to CM Vision.

Proposed: KB Seconded: DW JH to Action

Minuted reports from Focus Groups:

CLP GROUP (KB)

The first meeting of this group was held on 8th of February.

C. Challoner and Judith Humphries have expressed an interest in joining this group for the future.

The basic questionnaire document prepared in the past is to be revamped and produced at the next meeting of this group.

Meikle Carss/Dave Wallis

The returns from the questionnaire will be analysed and the group reiterated its intention to be as inclusive as possible and to include the views of the youth of the village. An on-line 'clipboard' will be introduced for those who are hard to reach.

Tim will be asked if he will agree to there being a stand at the Plant sale on the 5th 6th 7th of May for people to be asked their views.

The topics will be prioritised with the focus on the top 3 at first. Workshops held for focus groups.

The application for a grant from Cheshire East has now been completed and will be further discussed with Sarah Baron.

The next meeting is to be held at 'Old House' 29th February at 7.30.

The full minutes will be kept in the Steering Group records

KB to e-mail to SW

DIRECT ACTION GROUP (CC)

This group has held two meetings: 1) 8th December 2) 15th Feb.

The projects being undertaken at present are:

1. *Visual Improvements throughout the community*

Under discussion are planting schemes at The Churchyard; the Homesteads; the Village Hall

The problem of litter left by smokers outside The Badger

The kerbing around the road end of the Homesteads

The siting of the Information board and bench(es)

To achieve progress in the above, David Freedman and Rob Allen of Wulvern Housing will be approached about their offer of benches; DW to attend Village Hall meeting to discuss the plans; Rod Joyce, who works at Reaseheath College will be asked whether the college might help with an ongoing planting project; the problems of obtaining grants, the costs and maintenance must be addressed.

2. *Bus Route*

Many discussions have been in place about a two-directional service.

Ray Proctor has now taken a questionnaire to Home Farm Park to obtain the views of the residents there.

There are many problems still to be addressed particularly those of finance. The next LAP group will be on March 19th at 6.00. Councillor Michael Jones and Robert Parton will attend the meeting together with DW and MC (in the absence of CC).

Suggestions for this group for the future were:

- The investigation of faster broadband for the village
- The limited mobile telephone coverage of the village
- A pedestrian fence across the Weaver bridge
- A pedestrian fence along the road below the old school.

The latter two were considered to be matter for the Parish Council.

Because of the amount of work involved it was re-iterated that all projects must be prioritised (including all those previously suggested).

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JUBILEE GROUP (SW)

The first meeting of this group was held on Feb.6th. The outline plans for the Jubilee weekend were summarised.

It is to be a three day event including the following:

- An evening at the Aqueduct
- A Peal of Bells and Thanksgiving Service at St. Bartholomew's

- A 'Big Lunch'
- An afternoon/evening of games
- BBQ
- Firework display leading into the lighting of the Queen's Jubilee Beacon on the tower of the church.

It was pointed out that as a fortnight had passed since the previous meeting, plans had moved forward a great deal so that the minutes were already out of date. The next meeting was to be held the following day, February 21st.

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Update Reports

THE PARISH COUNCIL (DW)

A donation fund has been agreed. The Jubilee group has put forward a plea for funding.

THE PCC (JH)

The build has now been finished at a cost of £40,000

There will be a monthly children's service at 3.30 pm

The AGM is on April 16th

The Youth Club now has 29 members

The first Insight magazine will be distributed at the beginning of March. It will then be published monthly apart from a joint issue in July/ August and January/February

THE VILLAGE HALL (SW)

The internal and external walls of the hall have been upgraded with replacement of rotting timbers and insulation added. This was paid for through a grant from WREN.

Networking Reports (DW)

A meeting of representatives from the different parishes was held in Congleton in November. This was organised by Cheshire East to discuss Community Led Plans. 40-50 parishes were represented of whom 30 already have Plans in place. It was emphasised that the feeling of community engendered by the process of planning was of more importance in the long run than the result.

DW will attend a meeting on March 7th entitled 'funding through the Lottery'

A.O.B.

It has been discovered that we cannot use the Church Minshull coat of arms on a letterhead without the express permission of the owner.

A letterhead was considered important to create a common identity within groups in the village.

A competition will be held to create a design. (LB)

A communication has been received from Howard Sinclair re the possibility of holding Farmer's Markets in the village. This idea was enthusiastically agreed.

(KB)

Home Farm Park produces a monthly newsletter. It was decided that we should have a look at this.

The costs for using the hall for these meetings TBD by the Village Hall Committee.

(PB)

The chairman concluded the meeting by thanking all members and stating that a good start had been made toward building a cohesive community.

Next meeting: Monday 26th March at the Village Hall