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PAULTON COMMUNITY PLAN

Minutes of Steering Group

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Village meeting room

1. Apologies

JS, TB, JN, Sarah Frostick, Susan Burnett

Present KS, PL, AM, RS, HW, Andre Fournier, John Crocker, Simon Gisbourne, Liz Hardman, Tony Mayley, John Bull.

2. Community Group liaison

KS welcomed the representatives of the community sub groups to the meeting. He first thanked them for the progress and enthusiasm they were bringing to the tasks in hand.

AF for Speedwatch group reported that it has expanded to include:

- a) enforcement of the 20mph limit,
- b) extension of the 30mph through to Camerton and Hallatrow,
- c) policing of the 7.5 ton weight limit through the village,
- d) School traffic problems.

The idea of a courteous driving campaign was discussed, but it was felt the problem drivers would be unlikely to sign-up. KS will pass the information he has on the subject to AF.

- a) & c) can apparently only be operated in 30-40mph zones. The enforcement of 20mph is being carried out in some areas using new type of camera which is much cheaper to operate. The group are investigating this method. The other items can be tackled by bringing pressure to bear on the relevant parties.

JC for the website group:

The group has met twice and are now registered administrators on the yourpaulton website. JC has spoken briefly to Richard Dowling who is upgrading the parish council website and he is meeting him for a fuller discussion.

The group have written a 'Scope' document setting out the aims of the website.

LH Community cafe group:

The group have yet to meet but this is a major undertaking and John Bull and David Speirs are willing to give assistance. Finding suitable premises is the initial problem. RS suggested speaking to the Postmaster who has ideas for expanding his business, which may include opening a cafe.

TM Neighbourhood watch group:

TM is not in favour of a co-ordinator for all NHW areas of the village, he thinks this is the job of the police NHW officer. It was suggested that as several areas of the village are no longer covered by a NHW scheme, **KS will look on the database of volunteers who expressed an interest in the scheme**, in an effort to improve the cover throughout the village by recruiting new members to NHW.

KS's second reason for meeting the representatives was to sound them out as to the possibility of forming an overall Community Group who could co-ordinate the work and progress of the sub-groups. Once the Parish Plan is

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published the steering group will disband and there will no longer be any focus to which the groups can report their problems and progress.

KS will publicise the work of the sub groups and will make an appeal in the Paulton Letter for further volunteers who may be interested in helping to take forward the community led actions suggested by the replies to the questionnaire. AM suggested that each of the sub-groups nominate a representative; the group thus formed would become the Community Group. The groups will discuss this and respond in due course. The group's work will be put up on the website.

The sub group representatives left the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were then taken as read and signed by the Chairman KS.

4. Matters arising.

KS thanked PL for her successful Litter pick-up, which took place on 27 and 28 March and resulted in about 40 sacks of rubbish and a TV set being removed from various sites around the village.

With reference to poor response from B&NES to the Action Plan JB has spoken to David Trethewey and will again speak to Dave Dixon concerning the lack of constructive replies. Twenty-one actions place B&NES as the lead and it is disheartening not to have had any positive feedback on our work on the Plan a process initiated by the government to aid local councils to be aware of and take into account the wishes of the electorate.

RS will send emails to KS concerning meetings with the Postmaster and the schools.

The printing prices are affordable if the agreed plan of 2,500 executive summaries are printed plus 250 full reports total cost £1839.

5. Webmaster's report.

62 new visits in March.

6. Treasurer's report

There is £2,028.81 in the account plus small interest payment.

7. Review of the final plan.

Draft 7 of the final plan was discussed and final alterations made. KS has an appointment on 31 March with Richard Kelsey at B&NES to see if he is able to produce it in a publishable format by the 20 April, and also to investigate cheaper printing options.

The Executive summary was discussed and some changes made, but KS has yet to review it in detail.

8. AOB

None.

9. The date of the next meeting.

Tuesday 6 April at the Village Hall meeting room at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.