

PAULTON COMMUNITY PLAN

Minutes of Steering Group

10.06.09

Village Hall Meeting Room

1. Apologies

RS, SN, TB, JS.

Present KS, PL, AM, JN, HW.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were taken as read and signed by KS

3. Matters arising

KS and SN have been unable to review the project plan. KS wrote a letter of appreciation and thanks to MB and AM sent it. JN is waiting to hear from MB before sending the flowers. Parish council HW reported that John Sheldon would be retiring due to ill health.

4. Section C action group final reviews.

Each committee member nominated five priorities:

| PL | JN | HW | KS | AM |
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| C7 | C6 | C6 | C6 | C7 |
| C6 | C3 | C5 | C3 | C5 |
| C3 | C23 | C23 | C20 | C8 |
| C41 | C37c | C42 | C41 | C37b,c |
| C2 | C24 a,b | C24a,b | C15 | C41 |

It was decided that some of these could be linked together as part of the same problem and therefore the solution was the same.

1. Traffic & infrastructure improvements had eleven **votes** C3, C5, C6, C7, C41 and C42.
2. Public transport issues had **six votes** C15, C20, C22, C23, and C24.
3. Area in front of precinct had **two votes** C24 a, & b.

5. Individual section findings.

PL Section J:

- Protect free parking in the village, loss of this would mean more people would use Tesco's facilities.
- Post Office must be supported, it provides an essential service.
- Research the possibility of a community café
- Maintain the public toilets and investigate the building of additional ones in the park.
- Resist 24 hour licences for public houses and clubs.

KS Section R:

- Publically available internet access in café/club, which could possibly be used for training older users and as a bookable meeting venue.
- Communication infrastructure improvement.
- Need for improved TV and radio signals especially DAB radio.
- Cable TV and broadband.

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- A community website to provide information on all events and amenities in the village and a discussion forum where residents could comment on village matters.

KS Section T:

- Availability locally, of detailed planning applications.
- Better dissemination of village news. Paulton Letter is well regarded but the website is very limited. Improve website. Additional parish notice board at new surgery proposed. Local MP should make himself more available in the village.
- Library should improve publicity and image.
- Post office is very important to the village.
- Broadband speed and quality has conflicting reports.

AM Section S:

- Notify developers of Polestar desire for light industrial units here.
- Publicize the retail opportunities in the village.
- Notify B&NES of urgent need for infrastructure improvement before expansion of the housing stock. Link roads to the 'A' roads required.
- Start a group to study the feasibility of running a community cafe and help group.

5. AOB

6. Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 23 June in village hall meeting room 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.20pm.