

PAULTON COMMUNITY PLAN

Minutes of Steering Group

21.04.2009 7.30pm

Village Hall Meeting Room

1. Apologies

RS, SN.

Present KS, PL, AM, JS, JN, HW.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were taken as read and signed by PL.

3. Matters arising

KS and SN have been unable to review the project plan yet.

HW reported that it was difficult to gauge the feeling of the parish councillors' response to the presentation made by KS at the council meeting on 18 March.

AM attended the Youth Action Group meeting on 2 April. Present was Val Smith who was on her second day in the new job of Youth Manager for NE Somerset; she explained that her remit is to provide youth facilities for the 13-19 year olds. The area she covers is very large and excluding Peasedown, Keynsham and Radstock, who have full-time youth workers she has yet to work out how the remaining fairly meagre, resources will be used. The main problem in Paulton is finding a suitable venue. Nothing will start here until September at the earliest. The next meeting is on 18 June at 10.30am in the village meeting room. **KS will attend.**

4. Treasurer's report

No transactions have taken place this month.

5. Webmaster's report

In March the website had a total of 49 visitors of whom 31 were new. In April to date there have been 22, 15 of whom are new to the site.

6. Publicity report

KS has written a report on the year's activities for the Paulton Letter. This will be added to the website.

7. Questionnaire & data input

JN has now sent out all sections to 'M' and will have the remainder out for verification by the end of next week. The delay was due to corruption of one of the files which had to be re-worked. The members who are doing the verification are required to check their sections for anomalies in the data and highlight any they find. Then the most appropriate way of interpreting these will be debated in full committee. It is hoped to have this stage complete by the middle of May.

A long discussion took place regarding the presentation of the statistics. KS wants the percentages calculated by excluding the 'no entry' figure rather than including it as in the present results. **KS will do this additional**

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calculation for his own sections and JN will do it for the remaining sections, but not until after the data verification has been completed.

8. Action groups, response and formation

The SG has now received the results of the Action Group's work on section 'E'. It is very well presented and gives an effective template for future action groups. As the Group made clear at the last meeting their conclusions are inhibited by the absence of statistics from other relevant sections which when available may affect the proposed course of actions they have proposed.

KS will write to the group members thanking them for their excellent work.

Discussion on the Neighbourhood Watch in the village took place. It was felt that a village co-ordinator was needed to link the various areas covered and to stimulate interest in the areas not covered. **KS will approach the police about how this should be tackled. He will also speak to Andre Fournier and Mary Piper.** JN suggested asking Tony Mayley if he would be prepared to write a article on setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Group, or even to act as Coordinator for the whole village. **KS will approach him.**

PL suggested that the police make available all reports of petty crime in the village to alert people to suspicious behaviour, particularly rural thefts; these could be published on the village website.

It was agreed that the next section to submit to Action Group scrutiny will be section 'C'. Due to the absence of volunteers for this section the Steering Group will undertake the work. The next meeting will be devoted to this analysis.

9. Youth programme

JN reported that a Drop-In Café was now running in MSN, after the closure of the BADAS initiative. JS suggested we find out how this operates in case it is relevant to the suggested Community Café in Paulton. KS said that, since we had neither the capacity nor the professional expertise within the Steering Group to pursue this, we should leave it to the Youth Action Group.

10. Parish Councillor's report

HW had no full council meetings to report on. The decision on the move of Lloyds' Pharmacy is expected this week.

11. AOB

None

12. Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 5 May in village hall meeting room 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.15pm.