

CHEDWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING

Held at Chedworth Village Hall on 21st June 2021 at 7.00pm

Apologies

Apologies received from David Musgrave.

Present

Bella Heathcoat-Amory, Iain Robertson, Suzie Moore, Martin and Jan Harrison, James Sleightholme, Sophie Williams, David Broad, Robert Young, Judy Tice and Daniel Rotherford.

Declaration of Interests

No one had any interests to declare.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the last zoom meeting held on 17th May 2021 were passed as a correct record. They will now be put on the Parish Council website.

Matters Arising

It was reported that the Questionnaires had been sent out. Iain had organised a flier to be produced at a cheaper cost. Robert had organised the distribution for the survey.

AECOM Design Code

Kathryn Whitmore from AECOM is visiting to make a tour of the main parts of the Parish on 1st July 2021, meeting outside at The Seven Tuns at 9.30 a.m. It was suggested someone with a car or cars to reduce the time and amount of walking to bring people back would be helpful. It was highlighted that the most important views of the Valley must be pointed out to AECOM, including a walk along Horses Ash bye-way.

AECOM can produce separate design codes. They will do it for the Parish, on the results of the survey. Martin pointed out that the Design Codes should not be prescriptive.

Bella stated that AECOM need to be sent the recent results of the survey. That we will need to analyse the final results and also send them to AECOM. Once analysed these can be the basis of the plan. We may need more supplemental information.

Questionnaire Update

Iain reported that 75 questionnaires have been submitted. That represents 25% of the village. Bella said that, according to Sally Chapman, 30% is a good result. Thus another 25 households need to complete the questionnaire. It was discussed how to encourage more households to respond. Iain suggested putting reminders on Nextdoor and the Chedworth Facebook site. A deadline of 29th June was agreed which could be extended for another 2 weeks.

Martin thought 30% is too few. The previous 2008 survey had a higher response. That survey was a paper copy. No paper copy has been done yet for this Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed second homeowners in the Parish would be included. It was felt knocking on doors may threaten people in the current Covid climate.

It was agreed that after the 29th June deadline, if still too few responses, a decision could be made whether to print paper copies for distribution.

Iain stated that most of the age group who had already completed the questionnaire were older; the 20-50 year olds had not yet really filled in the form. It was suggested to catch that age group in the Pub.

Bella said that she had emailed the school office but not received a response yet.

Martin Harrison had a query about why the Questionnaire had changed. Iain said because some people were having problems with the original version, when clicked on, some people went to a pornographic website, so this had to be changed urgently. Iain promised to have a look into it further, but it was now not possible to change the questions.

It was felt it was important to get the views of all the Employers in the Parish. These include Ian Chamberlain, Hill and Valley, Alastair Booth, Able Pest Control, Martin Spooner, Manor Farm Cheese factory among others. All Employers need to be contacted. Also, employees who come to the village should be contacted. Bella to put all that information together.

Evidence Document

Sophie responsible for housing issues, Robert responsible for transport issues, Suzie responsible for Countryside and Landscape issues: all are collecting information, but the evidence will also come from the Questionnaire answers.

Robert expressed disappointment in the public transport available for Chedworth Parish. It was clear that poor transport is a major limiting factor in the attractiveness of the area. This should be made explicit to CDC.

Fundraising Update

£7600 has been received from locality.

Printing costs are £960 not £1,000.

James will put the budget and finances together.

This budget will be given to the Parish Council for review.

Next Steps

Bella thanked Judy for stepping into the job as Clerk for the meetings.

An email has been received (09/06) from Sally Chapman who can facilitate Visioning Workshops to help lead to a structure for the Neighbourhood Plan. This can be done in early Autumn, with the plan written before Christmas. It was stated that if the results of all this consultation are not liked, then the suggested Neighbourhood Plan does not have to be implemented.

Martin will respond to the email sent by Joseph Walker about Green policies and infrastructure.

Suzie will find the 2003 Character map for Fossebridge West.

The Green Infrastructure plan is published and is available on Basecamp. The Chedworth village Character map is also on Basecamp. All emails will be put on Basecamp for the Steering Group.

There was no other business.

The next meeting will be by Zoom on Monday, 19th July at 7.00 p.m.