

RAINOW PARISH PLAN

Minutes: Meeting No. 5

Minutes of Meeting No. 5 of the Rainow Parish Plan Steering Group.

Monday 23rd May 2005, at the Church Centre

Chair: Alan Brett

Present: Ian Brammer
Sheila Brammer
Ken Butler
Nick Carter
Bob Langstaff
John Leigh
Richard Leigh
Colin Pickford
David Pickford
Steve Rathbone
Zach Wilcox

	Action
<p><i>The Meeting welcomed Mr. Cedric Knipe from Macclesfield Borough Council.</i></p>	
<p>3/01 Apologies for Absence</p>	
<p>Received from Katherine Hall and Iain Townley</p>	
<p>3/02 Minutes of Meeting No. 4</p>	
<p>Accepted as a correct record</p>	
<p>3/03 Matters Arising</p>	
<p><i>Public Meetings:</i> Arrangements have been made for two public meetings. The first will be on 20th June at the Church, and the second, for the 11-18 year old in the village will be held at the Institute on 4th July.</p>	
<p>3/04 Membership</p>	
<p>RL will speak to Eileen Howarth re a problem with her e-mail address.</p>	

<p>3/05 Process timetable</p> <p>A Brett presented a paper on timescales for the Questionnaire analyses, the Church Fete presentations and other meetings. See “<i>RAINOW PARISH PLAN – Items for Steering Group Meeting 23 May 2005</i>”</p> <p>ACTION LIST:</p> <p>Actions required arising from the paper are:</p> <p>Focal Groups: 1. <i>Issue Review and Idea Generation</i>: Focal Groups to prepare a <i>Current Situation Review</i> and generate <i>Ideas for Potential Solutions</i>. 2. Rainow Church Fete: Focal Groups to prepare draft material for display at the Rainow Church Fete. This should cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key issues identified in the questionnaires • Facts and Figures. Opportunities and Constraints, and • Potential Ideas. <p><i>Draft presentation for the Public Meeting</i>: This should be prepared by AB</p> <p>Rainow Church Fete: A sub group is to convene to discuss the best means of making use of our opportunity to meet people and give a good display at the Rainow Church Fete.</p> <p>RL will analyse the ‘free text’ responses in the questionnaires. Care will be taken that every point raised within the free text is annotated and counted.</p>	<p>SB / IB CP / NC DW / KB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>KB / AB RL</p> <p>RL</p>
<p>3/06 Treasurer’s Report and Financial Issues</p> <p>There were no payments to process and no financial matters to discuss.</p>	
<p>3/07 Focal Group Reports</p> <p>A discussion was held on the emerging importance of both Traffic and Motoring issues and Land and Environment issues. It was decided that a realignment of Focal Groups would take place to address both issues in their proper context. Land and Environment issues, including footpaths and recreation will be separated from Traffic issues. Land and Environment will concentrate on footpaths, looking after the countryside and identifying the pressures and problem. Traffic will concentrate on matters including traffic speed, street furniture and parking, and will be represented by a Focal Group of its own.</p> <p>NC and CP will let RL know the composition of the Traffic and Countryside Focal Groups and RL will advise RLe for the website.</p>	<p>CP/NC</p>
<p>3/08 Questionnaires: Distribution and Analysis</p>	

A deadline of 6th June would be ideal for the spreadsheet analysis.

3/09 Draft Plan

3/10 Publicity

A meeting will be held to discuss the nature of the presentation to be made at the Rainow Church Fete. KB confirmed that a table had been arranged with the Fete committee.

3/11 Communications

3/12 Any other business

Cedric Knipe, from Macclesfield Borough Council was welcomed to the meeting. He gave a synopsis of the progress of other Parish Plans in the Macclesfield area. Bollington Parish Council had accepted their Plan and the PP Steering Group was forming the nucleus of the Action Group. Wincle and Plumley were at more or less the same stage as Rainow.

CK gave some pointers as to the main areas of responsibility for some of the emergent features in the Rainow investigations and, where he could, provided appropriate contact names:

On-street parking, Highways, Public Transport and Footpaths are all Cheshire County Council matters. Litter, rubbish disposal, dog-fouling and off-street parking are all Macclesfield Borough Council matters.

CK also outlined the methods of processing planning applications, both from the Peak Park and the Macclesfield Borough Council angles.

He also confirmed that there were differences of approach in the planning and approval of house extensions between the Peak Park and the Borough Council.

On the question of land use, the Steering Group was advised to make clear

- a) What we agree with
- b) What we need clarifying, and
- c) Where we think either the Peak Park or the Borough Council might be wrong

In the matter of a village shop, a subject beginning to loom large in the questionnaire responses, Cheshire County Council have grants for rural shops, which may be in a state of flux due to the disbandment of the countryside agency. The Steering Group would have to be very clear on what the village wants.

CK pointed out that many countryside issues are driven by the EU and government departments such as DEFRA, but Peak Park do have some degree of autonomy.

CK advised that a Parish Plan should contain aspirations that were realistic and should be farsighted enough to recognise that although there may not seem much hope of progress in some aspects, things may change in the future. The Statement of Community Involvement is important.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Knipe for his welcome and informative advice.

Parish Council: JL reported concerns expressed (in minutes) by the Parish Council Meeting about the way the Steering Group were going about collecting the information for the Draft Plan. During a long discussion it became apparent that the work of the Steering Group had not been made clear enough and it was agreed that a meeting be set up between the Steering Group and the Parish Council so that any misunderstandings might be addressed and put right. A meeting was immediately arranged.

All members of the Steering Group to let Bob Langstaff know when they will be away during the holiday season, so that contact can be maximised.

The Chairman thanked Steve for his hospitality.

3/13 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 27th June 2005, 7pm at the Rising Sun Inn.

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