

Shaftesbury Neighbourhood Plan Group

Notes of meeting on Thursday 29th August 2013 at 4.00 pm in the Mayor's Parlour.

Present: Rachel Caldwell (RC) Shaftesbury Civic Society/ Shaftesbury resident
Lester Dibben (LD) Shaftesbury Town Council
Mick Hicks (MH) Shaftesbury Town Council
David Kerswell (DK) Shaftesbury Resident
Sue Minshaw (SM) Shaftesbury resident IN THE CHAIR
Jan Scott (JS) Shaftesbury Civic Society/Shaftesbury resident
Janet Swiss (JSw) Stour Row

1. Apologies had been received from John Mitchell. Clare Pestell and Brian Hughes.

2. Comments arising from Nordcat visits - Friday 16th August, Eastern Development, Ten Acres
Friday 23rd August, Melbury Abbas and Guys March

John Mitchell had sent a report on the visits on 23rd August.

SM considered the 16th August visit was not very successful. There had been little interest from young families. The Housing Association was holding an event. At Ten Acres the area was dead; there was no one around. It was admitted that we should have issued more publicity for the 16th and thought that possibly outside Tesco could have been a better location. The results were in contrast to those at Shaftesbury Festival and Gold Hill Fair.

3. Future Plans

SM considered we should go to the Youth Club. She also said she had attended a meeting of several chairmen of organisations called by Mike Madgwick of the Task Force back in July. She had found this useful but to date had not received any minutes. RC had contacted Shaftesbury Tree Group and had suggested that they might send a representative to SNPG. Angela King had replied that they would be interested at a later date.

MH gave his view that several obvious subjects are emerging: retail, speed limits, Open spaces. It was noted that Bernard Ede is joining the Open Spaces Group.

It was agreed that skilful interpretation of comments received should lead to our proposed questionnaire. JS thought it would be useful to send a draft questionnaire to the Tree Group and Open Spaces Group. JSw asked what funding we have or what we can expect; SM replied that she had sent a completed application form to DCA but had heard nothing.

SM said she will go to talk with the Youth Club, JSw had talked with the Young Farmers Club and gave details of their contact who she had met at the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show.

Other organisations to contact were suggested: Trinity Centre, Castle Hill House, the Stroke Group, Scouts (Jenny Merefild), Guides (Yvonne Davis).

Discussion took place on going to Louise Plumridge of the Task Force to see if she could help with funding. RC told the meeting that the Task Force may be able to head one of their themed meetings on Localism. RC to follow this through.

4. Web site etc.

It was agreed to press Tim Cook for more information regarding the web site, as we are still waiting. MH said TC had been taking his Dropbox material. Copies of all notes of meetings must be entered. LD reminded us that the first document to be loaded should be our Statement of Community Involvement. It should be possible for members of the public to add to it.

LD reported that Wiltshire has set up a wonderful interactive site. If Shaftesburydorset.com is brought up to date our site should be at the front. LD was sure Steve Harris would put our link onto the Wiltshire one. After the troubles of the old Shaftesburydorset.com it is understood that LA Marketing has offered to update the site for no charge. MH will investigate and register a domain if necessary.

LD said if we got funding we could go further. JS offered to help. LD suggested using adverts as themes. LD will talk to Steve Harris (Area Board).

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5. Any other business

Visit to Semley and Sedgehill : As noted at the last meeting, RC had sent an e-mail to Joe Duthie. An answer had arrived asking for our team to visit them in September, probably in the Village Hall. RC was instructed to write to ask for a choice of two dates to be provided for an early evening event (6.00-8.00pm). Gerald Purdue (Chairman of parish council) will be copied in.

Agreed we could help with publicity, i.e. the A3 advertisements, and JS offered help with flyers. LD would be willing to provide his display boards if needed.

Shaftesbury Tree Group : RC to inform Angela King of the date of our next meeting.

Nordcat : Thanks will be sent for their help and co-operation.

6. Reminder of next meeting:

Thursday 19th September at 4.00 pm in the Mayor's Parlour.

The meeting closed at 5.10 pm.