

## **Edington Local Development Plan – Amenities, Facilities & Social Wellbeing Group Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Meeting:-** No 2                      Date:- 31/1/2017                      Time:- 09:30

**Attendees:-** Anne Tottingham, Liz Pike, Martin Killian, Lise Griffiths, John Barlow

**Apologies:-**

**Agenda Items:-**

**Introduce Lise**

Lise has joined the group from the Social Well Being group, which has been combined with the Amenities & Facilities group.

**Agree Minutes from previous Meeting**

The minutes from meeting one were agreed.

**Review Actions from previous A&F Meeting**

**Pub & Shop:-**

Martin and Anne attended the Three Daggers 'Meet & Greet' meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> but felt there was little or no progress regarding improving their offerings for local residents.

Martin attended another meeting with Neil Glasspool (Ops Manager) and Dave Sheridan, he also received an email from Neil. Neil said they were intending to extend the offers for locals such as the Monday Steak Night, Beers for £3 per pint on Tuesdays, and a Chateaux Briand offer of two meals for £49. Also, a proposed 'Happy Hour' session from 5 to 6pm each weekday. However, Martin felt these offers were made with a 'use it or lose it' attitude, despite transient custom tailing off. Martin and other group members expressed concerns regarding staff attitude, excessive food prices for small portions, and high bar prices (especially for lager). John mentioned that a new pub manager (thought to be Charley) was taking over today.

It was generally felt the pub wasn't doing enough to encourage locals, there was a lack of communication from them, and poor marketing skills. Also, the shop has become more of a café with very limited range of goods.

The group discussed the possibility of publicising our views regarding the Pub and Shop, or potentially organising a protest or petition regarding these. However, it was decided not to risk antagonising Mr Pike or his team, and for Martin to reply to the email from Neil reflecting our views.

**Post Office:-**

John spoke to Pauline regarding the future of the Post Office facility. Pauline is happy to continue to run this service from her garage for the foreseeable future. However, there is a Royal Mail review pending, probably next year, when this facility could be withdrawn by them because of the Post Office at nearby Bratton.

### **Play Park & Youth Club:-**

Anne presented a written report to the group regarding Bratton Youth Club and summarised her findings:

Bratton Youth Club go around local Primary schools to publicise themselves.

Anne was concerned how difficult it was to get any information about the club, as there were no clear leaders or contacts for the club.

In the past, the trend has been for members to attend till around fourteen/fifteen and then drop out.

It was suggested the TVM could be utilised to take kids to the Bratton club.

Apparently, the skate park was in need of a 'Half Pipe' to be added, although it was felt the park was too small. Lise will ask her neighbour re this. However, it was generally felt that the park was used more by bikes than skate boards.

Liz stated that the Parish Council were looking at exercise equipment that could be used by all ages.

### **Social Well Being Issues:-**

Lise stated that this group had never really got started. The rest of the group were happy to also incorporate these issues.

Lise went through the issues she felt were important to consider:-

The Mini Bus is a crucial facility and it is important to retain this.

The 'Drop In' session Tuesday mornings at the Pub is well support and needs to continue.

LINK is a useful facility but the volunteers are declining. There is a need to raise awareness of this. It was suggested the group could start a 'Health & Wellbeing' incentive, for which funds should be available. However, any proposals must be of a sustainable nature

It was felt that being sociable in the village was difficult as many of the properties were along a busy main road with no footpaths. However, many paths in the village were being updated and improved

The 'Taylor Trust' was mentioned, as this was set up by the church to help villagers in need. It also meets annually to give financial help to small businesses.

\*Additional comments submitted by Anne after the meeting by email:-

We have the mobile library van visiting Tinhead road once a month, usually the first Wednesday between 10am and 10:30 am, and there is the Cricket club for all at Erlestoke.

With the library van we could use LINK volunteers to collect any books for people unable to get to the van for whatever reason.

#### **Agree Timeframes and Next Meeting/s:-**

The group's report is to go before the Parish Council meeting at the end of March. It was agreed there was enough information from the meetings to form the basis of the report. Therefore, no further meetings would be scheduled.

#### **AOB:-**

There is a list of facilities in the village which needs to be checked and updated if required.

There is a laminator available from Lise or Pauline Dorgan if required.

There is a Village Directory available which was passed to Pauline from Andy, which may also require updating.

The Village web site, maintained by John Pollard, was mentioned as a useful source of information for village affairs and events.

#### **Actions From This Meeting:-**

- Martin to forward email from Neil Glasspool re the pub offerings for locals to the group members, and to reply to this reflecting the group's views.
- Liz to raise the issue of further equipment for the Playpark with the Parish council.
- Lise to consider a 'Health & Wellbeing' incentive to be supported by the group.
- Lise to ask her neighbour re the 'Half Pipe' and use of the skate boards mentioned in Anne's report.
- John to check with John Pollard re deadline for our group's report submission and start to compile it.
- Lise to chase the 'List of Facilities' and 'Village Directory' and possible updating of these.