

Upper Rissington Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Notes from a Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 7pm at the Village Hall

Present:

Andrew Maclean (Chairman) (AM)
Julia Sibun (JS)
Fraser Morphew (FM)
Nguyen Tran (NT)
Matthew Joyce (MJ)
Pauline Rigby (PR) – Clerk to the Upper Rissington Parish Council

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence

Kate Dawe, Gareth Phipps, Emma Goodbody, Michele Clifford-Holmes

2. Introduction to new members of the Group

AM welcomed MJ and NT to the meeting. NT gave apologies that Atsu Tran was unable to attend. AM welcomed PR to the meeting.

3. Update on the meeting with the Gloucestershire Local Access Forum Footpath Group

AM reported on his meeting held on the 7th June with John Lane of the Highways Commissioning Team from Gloucestershire County Council, and the Forum Footpath Group, a Consultative Group. AM was able to show the Group the closed off footpaths around the airfield, and advised the Group that the military could no longer argue for a secure site. The footpaths in question were closed in 1958 by the military and it was to be a part of the NDP policy to have these closed footpaths reinstated to give greater access to the Westcotes and the Barringtons where there was a wealth of public footpaths leading further afield.

It was suggested at this meeting that the NDP put forward a proposal for a New Footpath Trust to finance the need for the fencing once the military fence is removed i.e. a barbed wire and quick thorn hedge.

AM commented that as well as walkers the newly opened byways could also be used by cyclists and riders. If the footpaths were reinstated there would be a direct route to Kingham Station which he felt would be of great interest to the commuters in the village.

AM commented that possibly the Parish Council may be interested in helping to finance the project. PR commented that there were other groups to approach for financial support such as the Cotswold Wardens, and the Cotswold Conservation Board.

AM thought that the meeting had been successful and was now waiting for the Forum Group to come back to him with their findings, and to advise of the next steps in going forward with the reinstatement of the footpaths.

PR commented that the NDP Group should invite Barbara Pond from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to a future meeting to give advice on the footpath project as well as the way forward to complete the NDP draft document. It was agreed to invite Barbara Pond to either the September or October meeting. **AM/JS**

4. Update on the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

FM advised the meeting that he would like to set up a meeting in the village with Dr Gareth Parry, the representative from the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust who was happy to walk various areas of the village to advise on the protection, promotion and maintenance of wildlife in the village. After discussion it was agreed that Dr Parry would be invited to the village on either Tuesday 24th July or Wednesday 25th July. It was agreed that FM would email Dr Parry and advise the Group which date would be suitable. **FM**

FM to report further once he had heard from Dr Parry. **FM**

5. Date for Village Walk

It was agreed that the next Village Walk would be held on Wednesday 22nd August meeting at the Village Hall at 7pm. JS to ask EG and AS to notify the village on the Facebook page and the website. **JS/EG
AS**

6. Any other business

IT

In the absence of AS from the meeting JS advised that AS had recently had a meeting with PR who had advised the need to put together a policy on IT for the village, and had given AS an example of what other Parishes have completed. This was specifically related to connectivity, and PR had mentioned at that meeting that there is a grant that the NDP Group could apply for that can be used to pay for a domain name to support the website. AS to discuss further with the Group at either the September or October meeting. **AS**

Locality Grant

It was agreed that AM would meet with PR on Thursday 12th July to agree the pre-application form to progress the Locality Grant of up to £9,000. The Locality Grant would offer financial support for the NDP document. AM to report further at the next meeting. **AM/PR**

7. Date of Future Meetings

It was agreed that as from 1st September to hold future meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Village Hall so that members of the Group know the meeting dates well in advance. AM commented that he would ensure that the Village Hall was booked for the following meeting dates: **AM**

Thursday 20th September
Thursday 18th October
Thursday 15th November
Thursday 20th December

8. Date of the Next Meeting

Thursday 20th September at 7pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm