

# **BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH PLAN**

## **MINUTES OF THE STEERING GROUP MEETING**

Held at the Canada Room, Millennium Hall 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011, at 19.30

Present: Robin Young (Chairman), Simon Cooper, Sarah Frankland, Carole Holmes, Eve Hope, Phil Jordan, Jack Pritchard (for Lee Stewart)

Three members of the public were present.

- 1) Apologies from Chris Jackson, Dawn Hoskins, Lee Stewart, John Tough, Trevor Maroney
- 2) Minutes of last meeting approved and signed.
- 3) Treasurers Report. No change since last meeting.
- 4) Chairman's report.
  - a) Robin reported on our presence at the Dog Rescue Remedies Fun Day and the Tunnel Walk park and ride venue. Interest was encouraging and many completed the Love/Hate/Change questionnaires. Male Female split was 52:48 ration and most were age range 41-65. Most respondents lived in the parish. Thanks to those able to attend and Simon for organising the events.  
  
-Hate included: traffic congestion, mini roundabouts, Station Rd empty shops, Sainsbury (but no reasons why) poor public transport, litter, congestion at schools times.  
-Love included Liphook in Bloom, easy access to London and coast, community spirit, friendly people, small businesses, carnival, excellent schools, Sainsbury (but no reasons why).  
  
These results are in line with the Parish Survey results from 1500 Parish residents households.
  - b) Robin had concluded that the way forward on the "brand name" was to keep it simple and user friendly. Therefore-  
"Vision for Liphook"
  - c) Robin suggested that he required a vice chairman to cover form him in case of his absence and proposed Carole Holmes. The proposal was accepted.
- 5) Group discussion on structure and experience so far.
  - a) From reports given by those preset some workgroups are making good progress, with Business, Elderly and Hamlets being of note. Environment was focusing on identifying what "needs to be protected" and where "improvement can be made", the next steps being verification in the community and an outline action plan.

Progress in other work areas is uncertain and not known, other than Planning and Local Government, which has disbanded.

There was a concern that the objectives and process of preparing a “Vision for Liphook” was unclear for some and viewed differently amongst the workgroups. Concern was voiced that we should focus, articulating and verify the support for a vision before moving into actions to deliver. On the other hand “quick wins” can bring evidence of relevance and progress.

- b) **Fund raising- Eve Hope.** Eve informed that meeting that due to taking up the challenges of Chairman of the Parish Council she could no longer be able to devote time to fund raising requirements. However she wishes to stay closely involved with the project, particularly on ensuring that the needs of “ for diversity and the disabled” are fully considered by the work groups and “the vision”.
- d) **Communication- Simon Cooper.** Simon reported on progress to establish a website. Mzuri Design were making good progress on the website construction.

Simon emphasised that for the web to be successful it must have interest and for that he needs news and material for publication. Photos from meetings would be useful.

**Would members please try and provide, as this was a repeated message form the last meeting.**

**Simon and Robin also wish to remain members of the importance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July when the “Vision for Liphook” (us!) will have a stall at the Carnival Fun Day. If you can help with the stall please let Simon know.**

- 6) Market Town Health Check/District Centre.

Robin informed the meeting that Bramshott and Liphook was now designated as a “District Centre” by the local authorities due to its size and population; (although there is uncertainty as what this means in practice.)

Part of the steering groups difficulty in grasping the needs of our community is just this issue, we are larger than villages such as say Miland or Buriton, where smallness helps co- ordination and clarity of defining needs.

Consequently Robin proposes that in the light of this recognition of our Parish being larger than a rural village but smaller than an urban area we consider using the approach and contents of the “Market Town Health Check” which is a document published under the umbrella of “Action With Communities in Rural England and design to help communities similar to B&L

It consists of pre-formatted worksheets to help consultation and supplements the consultation techniques frequently used on Parish Plans.

This will be circulated to the Steering group members.

7) Public questions and answers.

Bob Hall asked why more was not being made of the Parish Survey, which was completed in 2008.

In discussion it was explained that the survey was completed before a Parish Plan process was established because the then Council would not establish a PP process. In effect it was the wrong way round but did have the benefit of establishing the views of parishioners and getting a process towards a Parish Plan underway. A Parish Plan process forced through the back door!

We have already issued in summary form the results of the Hate/Change responses from the survey. The full Survey database contains considerably more information and by hamlet/area of Liphook. Indeed it will help demonstrate support and validation for many of the issues being identified.

A copy of the disk is available from Phil Jordan.

8) Date of next meeting.

Robin proposed that the next meeting should be combined with a “picnic” or “bbq” so that the event is both fun and progress.

The date selected was Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June for 6.30 at the Millennium Centre. Details to follow.