

Present: Leon Wolverson, David Richards, Astrid Mick, Erika Lyons.

Apologies: Tim Coleman

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th January 2015 were agreed.

1. We discussed at length the business of the village settlement boundary (vsb) and whether there should be one or several such areas. The confusion over what exactly are the RA numbers of areas was pointed out. This would have to be checked carefully, as would have a bearing on the vsb.

We highlighted the fact that it would not be necessary to detail all the listed buildings in the parish as other neighbourhood plans have done. It would be sufficient to write, for example, "We have x listed buildings in our parish and a list of these can be found on the County Council website."

A further suggested wording was, "We are proud of our village and would want any further buildings to protect/enhance the appearance and to cherish our heritage." (words to that effect for part of a vision statement)

3. Various possible areas for development (housing) were mooted and discussed. We agreed that there are not many suitable places in our village centre (historically a ribbon development). This should be discussed further at the next meeting and especially after the N.D.P. Open Day (now planned for Saturday 7th March at the Village Hall), when parishioners will have had a chance to offer their opinions and wishes.

4. Leon would order more maps of the Parish for each of us (plus maybe some extras for people to purchase on the Open Day?). We briefly looked at a specimen questionnaire from Birdham Village, which we might use as a basis for our own questionnaire. We should study it and comment.

5. Further points of discussion:

After the open day at the village hall, we could put the presentation sheets on the village website.

We looked at another parish's questionnaire and discussed the length of it. It was thought that a 2-3 page one might be sufficient. This could be handed out to visitors on the open day. The idea was to make the day more interesting and attractive if we offered refreshments ; maybe a raffle/door ticket or similar with a prize.

We should ask at the door if visitors are parishioners.

We were to think about questions for the questionnaire, the structure of it, wording, as we need parishioners' opinions. (Compare with the Birdham questionnaire as a possible template.)

6. Leon would inquire about the possibility of having the village hall for an open day in March.

Meeting closed.