

**Sutton cum Lound Parish Plan Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting – 2 August 2011
Held at the village hall**

In attendance:

Brian Seddons (BS)
Sharon Dyson (SD)
Andy Close (JAC)
Joan Richardson (JR)

Kathryn Seddons (KS)
Angela Close (AC)
Jason Soresby (JS)
David Wilson (DW)

Apologies:

Martin Rees (MR)

John Gough (JG)

Guests:

Sue Hughes (SH)

Ian Layton(IL)

Presentation by Blue Skies

SH explained about the work done by Blue Skies in the past with Primary School age children and that they had been approached to develop links with older age groups. They had undertaken a consultation process involving the Elizabethan and Retford Oaks schools, which included consultees from Sutton village, and produced a report showing the responses to a number of questions regarding young peoples views of their own communities.

IL then outlined the work done in relation to the responses, which included a specific analysis on 4 villages, Sutton being one of them. The results suggest that most young people value the country setting of their villages, and would prefer to see any provision for youth activities in their own village as opposed to travelling to Retford or further afield. The Blue Skies people were keen to explore the possibilities of working further with the young people of Sutton, and suggested that a plan be developed to seek their views. BS suggested that the Parish Plan Steering Group could fund the hire of the village hall for such an event, however, IL suggested that it would be more productive to attempt a low-key, unstructured consultation process instead.

SH and IL then left the meeting, wherein the remaining group members discussed the merits of the Blue Skies presentation. It was agreed that this should be progressed further, and BS would contact SH to inform her of the decision.

ACTION: BS to contact SH

Matters Arising

BS confirmed that the draft letter to residents had been forwarded by Jan Pauley, and that comments had been fed back.

BS also advised that the Clerk to the Parish Council had asked about the value of the play equipment for insurance purposes, but this was still unknown.

SD commented that clarification should be sought from Jan Pauley regarding the surfacing to be used around the items of play equipment, as the surface used at Lound is in a poor state of repair after a very short time.

ACTION: BS contact JP

AC advised that no work on the play park could be started before 1 November 2011 due to caravan rallies.

Update: Following the Village Hall Committee Meeting of 8 August 2011. this date has been revised to 14 November 2011

ACTION: BS to advise JP

AC suggested that a fence workshop to produce a decorative screen for the play park would be more beneficial than a bench workshop at this stage, and those present thought this was a good idea.

Positive feedback had been received by a number of group members regarding the first edition of the Sutton Spotlight, and BS thanked all those involved in its preparation, production and distribution.

JAC suggested that the next issue go out in September/October and that any items for inclusion should be forwarded to him in plenty of time.

BS confirmed that following the Parish Council meeting, where interactive speed signs were discussed, he had passed details of a contact at Notts CC to the Clerk to progress this matter further as it had been noted that many smaller villages already have signs installed.

Finance Report

KS reported that the balance on the account stands at £576.71 with no outstanding invoices to pay.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

BS had received a letter from the Parish Council regarding the formation of a sub-committee to oversee preparations for the Jubilee celebration in June 2012.

AC confirmed that she had also received a letter as Chair of the Village Hall Committee.

Discussion took place regarding the fact that the Parish Plan Steering Group already had representatives of each Parish body and that it made sense that this group take this issue forward with funding from the Parish Council.

ACTION: BS to respond to Parish Council letter

Any Other Business

SD raised the point that the new Zumba class would take place every Tuesday night, and as such the Parish Plan Steering Group meeting would need to move to another day of the week. Discussion took place about a more suitable day but none were found, and as such it was suggested that an earlier time be trialled for suitability.

The next meeting date and time was then set as Tuesday 6 September 2011 at 6.30pm with a finish time no later than 7.30pm. AC, JAC and SD all gave their apologies in advance for the September meeting.

BS acknowledged that JAC had alerted him to the need to re-author the village website, but that any contribution from Steering Group funds could only be a minor one. Response was still awaited from the Parish Council at this time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Date/time of next meeting: Tuesday, 6 September 2011, 6.30 pm in the Village Hall.