

RAINOW PARISH PLAN

Minutes: Meeting No. 2

Minutes of Meeting No. 2
of the
Rainow Parish Plan Steering Group.

Monday 28th February 2005, at the Rising Sun Inn.

Chair: Ken Butler

Present: Ian Brammer
Sheila Brammer
Alan Brett
Nick Carter
Katherine Hall
Brian Kilcoyne
Bob Langstaff
John Leigh
Richard Leigh
Colin Pickford
Steve Rathbone
Iain Townley
Zak Wilcox
Gary Roebuck
Alan Taylor

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<p>2/01 Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Received from John Leigh</p>	
<p>2/02 Minutes of Meeting No.1 (inaugural)</p> <p>Accepted as a correct record</p>	
<p>2/03 Matters Arising</p> <p>AB confirmed that each Steering Group meeting will centre on the next major area of activity in the schedule.</p>	

Peak District National Park – Local Plan.

Thanks were given to Colin Pickford for his help in acquiring a copy of the Plan. CP said that Peak Park will come and speak to us if we wish. He thought, from his conversation with an employee of the Peak Park that a Parish Plan would not be the foremost item that they would look at, e.g. in the matter of grants, but he felt that Parish Plans could influence Peak Park policy in some areas. He also mentioned that Peak Park are interested in the subject of affordable housing, but stressed that this would be on the basis of need and not desirability. IB stressed that in the matter of affordable housing, there was a need for the old as well as the young.

It was agreed that a representative of both the Peak Park Planning Board and Macclesfield Borough Council be invited to the Steering Group Meeting of 23rd May.

RL will produce a Summary and Primary Points list. The Plan is now in the Parish Plan Library.

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2/04 Membership

Tony Nichol has joined the Social and Community Focal Group.
Richard Brimelow has joined the Economics Focal Group
Geraldine Burton has joined the Land and Environment Focal Group
Gary Roebuck confirmed that he would serve on both the Social and Economic Focal Groups.

2/05 Process timetable

KB confirmed that our timescales are acceptable.

2/06 Treasurer's Report and Financial Issues

Mandate / Bank forms were filled in prior to the meeting.
There will be expenses incurred in hosting a website – some £80 for two years. This expenditure was approved.

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2/07 Focal Group Reports

Social & Community. (Notes of Meeting No. 1 refer)

SB summarised the report of their meeting. On the question of communications KB stressed that Parish Council Meetings were open to the public, but the lack of general interest in Parish Council affairs was a persistent problem. An approach had been made to United Utilities about the use of the building at Millbrook and they had said that as the borehole is still being used, the building cannot have an alternative use. KB felt that this was worth pursuing further.

SB / KB

The Social and Community Focal Group felt that there were several aspects of communication worth revisiting and would like to liaise the Parish Council about the delivery of their newsletters.

All points in the Focal Group Meeting Notes were agreed for further investigation.

<p><i>Provision of Services. (Notes of Meeting No. 1 refer)</i></p> <p>SR felt that the village could work together on a magazine style newsletter. The parish magazine goes to about 400 households. The number of groups and people who could contribute needs to be considered. Investigation to be made into why the travelling library only stops in one location. All points in the Focal Group Meeting Notes were agreed for further investigation.</p> <p><i>Economic Matters. (Notes of Meeting No. 1 refer)</i></p> <p>The notes of the first meeting of the Focal Group were discussed and all points in the notes were agreed for further investigation.</p> <p><i>Land and Environment.</i></p> <p>Street furniture was in need of attention in order to enhance the village and encourage coherence. The possible advent of a mobile phone mast was broached, with some expressions of concern. It was thought that a Design Statement (as included in the Prestbury Parish Plan) was not necessary. Heritage and historical features were discussed and Andrew Renshaw had spoken of the possible involvement of the Rainow History Group. It was thought that there could be better signing of heritage features, e.g. “Panorama Plates.”</p> <p>It was thought that the School was undervalued and possibly under-utilised. Traffic speed was discussed, including methods of traffic calming and the possible acquisition of automatic flashing speed warnings such as those in Prestbury and Kettlethulme.</p> <p><i>Leisure.</i></p> <p>Amongst the items discussed at the Leisure Focal Group meeting were</p> <p><i>Young people:</i> Facilities need to be found for the young , e.g. fishing areas, a dirt-bike track, a more frequent Youth Club (currently meeting every 2 weeks or less) and a Karate class. It was thought that the Millennium Field idea should be revived.</p> <p><i>Crime:</i> It was thought that the willingness to find things for the young to do had been adversely affected by the anti-social/criminal element that was either in, or found its way into Rainow. The example quoted was that the School grounds, the area where the very young of the village could safely learn to ride a bicycle, was no longer available.</p> <p><i>Footpaths:</i> These should be considered as an important leisure resource rather than as an adjunct to Land & Environment.</p> <p><i>Events:</i> It was felt that more events involving the whole of the village community, such as the Fete and the annual Bonfire should be organised.</p> <p><i>Scouts Group:</i> SR spoke on this matter. There is a thriving Cubs group with leavers every year who would become Scouts. The problem lay in finding premises suitable for the activities of bigger youths and with a permanent workspace, e.g. a dedicated hut or barn.</p>	<p>KB</p>
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<p>IT thought that better use might be made of the school football field, perhaps with the aid of a grant. He gave the Focal Group some advice in this matter.</p> <p><i>General.</i></p> <p>A recurring theme in the Steering Group discussions on the points raised by all Focal Groups was ‘is this what we feel the village wants or needs? Two examples were “Do we want to encourage more parking and more people coming to the village or not?” and “Do we want to have many new innovations and take great strides forward as a community or do we wish merely to preserve what we have?” It is important for everyone to keep these considerations in mind. Such polarisation might be a feature of questionnaire returns.</p> <p>2/08 Questionnaires</p> <p>AB said that the questionnaires would not necessarily be structured around the Focal Group headings but should follow a logical sequence according to the specific subjects being raised. RL mentioned that the questionnaires should be attractive as well as interesting in order to encourage people to fill them in. It was agreed that in view of the number of households in Rainow, a personal approach was possible rather than letter-boxing.</p> <p>A small group is needed for questionnaire design and content. This would be</p> <p>Alan Brett Ian Brammer Richard Leigh Bob Langstaff</p> <p>A draft questionnaire will be produce for the approval of the Focal Groups first, then the approval of the Steering Group. All issues would be taken up and designed into a Questionnaire. This would be done by early April. The question of a Youth Questionnaire was broached. It was agreed that this was necessary.</p> <p>2/09 Draft Plan</p> <p>RLa will open a file for the content of the draft and final Parish Plan. <i>This file will be the repository for information/drafts/pictures/statistics, etc. which will go into the plan.</i> Refinement of the content and design of the ultimate Plan will be progressive throughout the project.</p> <p>2/10 Publicity</p> <p>RLe outlined the process for acquiring a Rainow Parish Plan website. He advised a .org.uk domain with Rainow as the first word. It was agreed that rainowparishplan was the most suitable domain name for the site. Richard’s suggestion of a ‘virtual e-mail’ discipline was accepted.</p> <p>The need for a Publicity Officer was discussed. KB would ask Tony Nichol if he</p>	<p>AB, IB, RLa RLe</p> <p>RL / ALL</p> <p>RLe</p> <p>KB</p>
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<p>could take on the task. Alternatively he would act as Publicity Officer himself.</p> <p>2/11 Communications</p> <p>It was agreed that at the next meeting a discussion would be held on the approaches to other village bodies.</p> <p>2/12 Any other business</p> <p>AB asked for clarification on which Focal Group would adopt subjects which overlap, e.g. Parking.</p> <p>2/13 Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 21 March, 7pm. Rising Sun Inn</p>	<p>FG Leaders</p>
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