

West Moors Parish Plan

Meeting No11

Date 27th March 2008

Local Action Group Minutes

Venue- Memorial Hall Time 2pm

Attendees John Bartley (Secretary), Mike Holloway (other Groups Liaison), Carol Holmes (Parish Council), Pat Stacy (Library Rep), Jean Waddington (Fund Raising), Donna Marlborough (Treasurer) Jenny Winslade, Steve Hunt (Youth Liaison) Roger Long (Vice Chairman), Pamela Long (Publicity).

1. Apologies Irene Clements (Chairman), Pete Holden (District Council) Alex Clarke (Parish Council), John Price (Parish Council).

Both Chairman and Vice Chairman were unavailable at the start of the meeting so John Bartley took the chair.

Agenda item 2. Review of Previous Minutes

Outstanding Actions.

a) **Bus Service.** John advised that the service 37 had been too crowded to take all passengers who wished to use it from the village last Tuesday morning. He recommended that we again approach Wilts and Dorset with proposals that they should reinstate a service that takes in the hospital and Castle Point shopping area. This was **agreed. ACTION** John to draft a letter for approval, also to stir for a reply to our letter to the Secretary of State for Transport. Alex was not able to attend the meeting so the following **action was carried forward**- Alex Clarke volunteered to speak with William Wallace at EDDC to find out their position regarding bus subsidies.

b) **Planning** The proposed meeting with the District Planning officer will not now go ahead following the attendance of Mike, Carol and John at the Planning Seminar held at Furzehill. Carol mentioned that a copy of the Regional Spatial Strategy Document is available on web sites, in the Parish Office and the Library. She encouraged all to make their comments before the deadline of 6th May. **NOTE this is important** as it will probably be the only chance for some individual input on proposed development figures. The fact that some of the proposals appear based around the opinions of one person who is connected with the Development industry is a cause for concern.

c) **Forthcoming meetings with Neil Farmer and Ron Tomlin.** i) It was agreed that the main item on the Agenda should be advice from EDDC regarding the ground rules under which they consider the LAG's should act. ii) A more user friendly approach by the PC, especially with regard to public question time at meetings would be welcomed. The style adopted by Councillor Knight as Chairman at planning meetings was put forward as an example of what could be achieved. iii) It was suggested that the Parish council might be advised to split the Parish Plan Actions that have not been completed between the various sub committees that act within the Parish Council. **ACTION** Steve to e mail Carol with this suggestion so she can pursue it with the Parish Council.

d) **Grant for a Speed Indicator device.** It was reported that Nigel Richards the Community Beat Police Officer would be interested to hear of locations where a SID might be placed on a temporary basis as he has not been approached on this subject. There is a SID currently operating in Pinehurst Road. **ACTION** Carol to ask Parish Clerk to liaise with Nigel to try and get SID coverage on a regular basis

e) **Library** Pat advised that she had received information regarding plans for Library volunteers and it appeared that West Moors was still down as a possible library to follow the volunteer route, when this is not so. **It was agreed** that the vast sums to be spent on changing the library system to enable volunteers to run libraries were not justified as far as West Moors is concerned. **ACTION** Pat to write to the Parish Clerk recommending that the Parish Council get copies of the information sent to her. This will enable the PC to give an official response to Paul Leivers the Library Chief at DCC.

The minutes were signed by Mike after an alteration to line 7 of section 8. Delete the words 'to the Skate Park...' to end of sentence and substitute the words 'for CCTV on Fryer Field to reduce vandalism.' **Pamela and Roger were unavoidably delayed and joined the meeting at 2.50pm and Roger took over the chair.**

3 Discussions re Open Day. The following points were agreed.

General

The Day will be referred to as a Community Day to be held on Sat 31st May from 10am-4pm. The main purpose of which is to promote the Parish Plan and provide villagers with an update. After some discussion it was decided by 7 votes to 2 not to allow clubs/associations to raise funds for their own benefit, but to invite them to promote their particular activities.

Displays

- a). Suggested special subjects to be covered on the day, plus the volunteers to manage these. Library- Pat, Parish Council- Carol, Buses- Jenny, Homewatch- Pam, Quiz and Bowls club – John Price. **ACTIONS** Donna to approach any local clubs and associations who might be interested in participating in the day, or to send in literature.
- b) Steve to sound out the younger residents to see if they wished to get involved.
- c) A TV based video display of skate park activities. **ACTION** Steve to organise.
- d) The following were suggested as people who might be interested in having a table at the event. Police/PACT- Nigel Richards, Neighbour Care/POPPS- Mrs Teasdale, Mrs Barber and Barry Wye, Recycling and District Council issues- EDDC, West Moors Traders Assoc.- Rod from the Dry Cleaners. **ACTION** Donna and John to follow up
- e) The Parish Plan Action points to be subdivided under the usual headings with the following people taking responsibility for the individual stands. Economy/Services- Pat, Housing- Pam & Mike. Transport- Roger, Crime & Safety Donna, Environment- Pete, Leisure- Steve, Youth-Steve.
- f) To utilise the large scale maps of the village to allow villagers to pin point problem areas and to provide suggestion/comment boxes at each display to encourage public opinions. **ACTION** John to organise.
- g) Displayboards already reserved from EDDC **ACTION** Mike to transport as required.

Refreshments

Jean confirmed that the WI will provide these in return for the proceeds.

Publicity

- a) In Pam's absence Jean had organised a free advert in the Directory with more to follow and Jackie Hayfield of EDCP had indicated that she could help publicise the event. **ACTION** Pam to contact Jackie and then follow up with other publicity through her established contacts.
- b) Organise a village wide leaflet drop. **ACTIONS** Steve to produce an A4 proof to be split into 2 A5 leaflets and e mailed to all for comment by next meeting. Also to approach the local Estate Agents to see if they could help with producing the 1,750 copies required, in return for a mention on the leaflet and at the day itself. John to ask Pete if his contacts for leaflet deliveries can be used for distribution.
- c) Two A1 posters needed for the board outside the Hall **ACTION** Pete to produce.

Hall layout

John confirmed that the hall will be available from 7.30pm the night before to allow for setting up. **ACTION** John to produce a layout plan once the number of participants is known.

4. AOB

- a) Jenny asked about provision of allotments in village. **Agreed** that this was something that could be mentioned at the Community Day. If enough people show an interest then the Parish Council will investigate the possibility of providing allotments.
- b) Donna asked for 2 signatures on bank transactions. Proposed by Donna seconded by Steve- Roger and John be added to the bank mandate. **Carried unanimously**.
- c) Possible grant application for presentation at EDCP Conference. Bollards to protect the war memorial paving area from further damage by vehicles was suggested. **ACTION** Carol to find out the cost of providing these from Parish Council.

5. Next Meeting Thursday 17th April 2008 Memorial Hall 2pm
The meeting ended at 4.10pm

JJB 27/03/08

