

Littletown Residents Association Working Party

Minutes of Meeting 10th August 2006

Guests: Pam Sinclair – Community Development Support Officer
Julie Bearpark – Community Development Support Officer
Present: Marian Allport, Sheila Smith, Lyn Gibbons, Vicky Clark, Marion Sowerby; apologies from Andrew Sowerby.

Welcome to Pam and Julie. Julie will be working with Pam to help us get up and running.

The Constitution is still not back from Julie Taylor, so we cannot proceed further with that. Pam and Andrew Sowerby will chase that up.

As we are setting up as a new group, we need a new **bank account**, Pam suggested Unity bank, who work through the Post Office (this suggested for convenience of access).

She also mentioned that some **consultation** within the village may be necessary – so we explained about the questionnaire which we had sent out in April. Marian also told Pam about the responses that we had received, and that this was one of the reasons we had come together.

Pam believes it may be worth our while applying for **registration as a charity** (it may bring in more funding, and costs nothing). Andrew/Marion to look into doing this online.

It is also worth our while to start and collect quotes for the **play area** – Pam has contact details for some, and she will arrange for them to contact Sheila.

With regards to the **Community Centre**, Pam suggested that we consider other possible users – for instance the Cricket team. (A broad spectrum will more likely attract funding) We also came up with computer classes, community shop, outreach from Jobcentres, Health Visitors, Citizens Advice (some thought has already been given to this – Sheila has a growing list of ideas).

Marian is to try to contact the **Cricket team**, with a view to inviting a representative over to a future meeting. We hope that they may consider supporting our bid if we include them as our potential ‘customers’ for the Centre.

Reports

Sheila has had a reply from the **Ramblers Association** suggesting that we contact Open Spaces, but no reply from Mr Riddell about the fly-tipping letters we received. Marian has only received about 7 **pathways access** forms so far.

Sheila has also received a letter responding to hers regarding the **planning application** for a new house next to number one, which was pretty noncommittal. Pam asked about progress on our previous requests to the Council for Litter and dog bins. As yet, we have not received them, so she will try to chase them up from her end.

Any Other Business

- Lyn brought in some information regarding **potential funders**.

- A suggestion was made that we should put together a '**brochure**' about Littletown, including a little history, photos, what we've got and what we're trying for, perhaps.
- It was also suggested that we enquire as to how much it may cost for a **Portakabin** to be placed on the Car Park for the Village use (as a stepping-stone to our own place).

The next meeting is to be a **Full Residents Meeting on 7th September 2006, 7pm**, at Lyn's house. A notice will be placed in the Notice Board this time.

The next Working Party meeting will be **5th October 2006**.

I declare this to be a true record of the meeting

Signed _____ Sheila Smith (Chairperson)

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