

Littletown Residents Association

Minutes of the meeting held 17th January 2007 at 7 pm, in 33 Plantation Avenue

Present: Alan from no. 24, Tomasina, Bev, Marian Allport, Kathleen Wilson, Ted and Lyn Gibbon, Janet Watson, Vicky Clarke, Andrew and Marion Sowerby

Apologies from Mary at Littletown House

Guest: Pam Sinclair

Thanks for the **Consultation forms** received back – we have twenty so far, with more promised.

Charity Registration – the form has been filled in, all except for Bank Account details, which Kathleen and Vicky will furnish Marion with later.

Pam advised that we are now pretty set to start applying for funding, and will collect some applications for us to be getting on with. (A couple of members of the working party will get together with her on those.)

She asked about our priority areas, which were defined by our own consultation previously as a) refurbish the play area, b) add more seating at the village green, c) possible community building.

As regards the building, Pam will contact the cricketers' Alistair McDonald about possible use of theirs – she knows of a woman who is organising a young team who might be able to help them out. She says that the Big Lottery fund is usually good for buildings funding.

Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP has re-arranged our meeting with her for Friday February 16th at 9.30 am in the Pittington Village Hall.

For this meeting, Sheila would like copies of some of Janet's photos of the Moor, showing pathways and stile; also photos of the water board mess, the Chapel, the Pittington-Sherburn Hill road, the fly-tipping along Cook's Hold Lane, and the wrongly-pointing sign on the street corner.

Report of Parish Meeting from Marian

- Kevin Telford the Rights of Way Officer has written to the Parish Council about the paths around Littletown, mentioning the Disputed Rights of Way forms and evidence he has received. They are in the pipeline, however, they have a backlog of work to get through so it may take some time.
- The Parish Council received three letters objecting to the Parish purchase of the Village Green and the Allotments at Pittington. They also received seven letters of support.
- Bill Kellett provided letters and evidence from previous Parish Meetings to show that this purchase has been agreed upon as far back as 2002; it has also been discussed regularly since then, so there really should be no further argument about it.

Smiths-Gore. Since they have expressed a desire to attend a meeting, Bev suggested that it would be a good idea to send a copy of our little invitation leaflet each month, as we do to our residents. We agreed that this was a good idea, and so will do so.

They have told Andrew that since the Chapel is not a Church of England building, they are not bound to keep it for community use; therefore they are looking at 'sympathetically restoring' and converting it into a house, for later sale or let. The Church Commissioners in London suggested it might be worth contacting either the Very Rev John Sentamu of York, since we fall into his diocese and he is a Church Commissioner; or the Wesleyan Society for their help/advice.

Any Other Business

Sheila asked for volunteers to make sure that the whole village gets to know of future meetings, since we all seem to forget! Bev and Janet have agreed that if Marion prints off the invitations/reminders, they will share the delivery month to month.

The next Working Party Meeting will be held Thursday 22nd February 2007

The next Full Residents Meeting will be held Wednesday 21st March 2007

The time is 7 pm as usual, the place Lyn and Ted's till we get our own place!

I declare this to be a true record of the meeting held 17th January 2007

signed: _____ Sheila Smith (Chair)

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