

Joint Working Group

RMBC and Parish and Town Councils

3rd of September 2010, Eric Manns Building, Rotherham

Present:-

Councillor Mahroof Hussain (Chair)
Councillor Jo Burton
Councillor Gary Cooper (GC)
Councillor Pat Wade
Councillor Richard Swann (RS)
Councillor Eric Shaw (ES)
Paul Griffiths (PG)

AGENDA	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Ted Kelsey (TK)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising</p> <p>Parish Review</p> <p>MH advised the group that the Council had made final decisions regarding outstanding items around the Parish Review at their meeting on the 28th of July.</p> <p>Following consultation carried out by the Council proposals to extend parish boundaries from Brinsworth and Dalton Parish Councils had been rejected on the basis of a lack of popular support. In addition plans for a new Parish at Thorpe Hesley would not progress any further at this stage due to a lack of local support.</p> <p>Plans are now being drawn up for a final order to be made to conclude the review. All Parishes have been informed of the outcome.</p>	
<p>3. Rotherham Show 2010</p> <p>PG confirmed that a stall would be shared with the Area Assembly team and would therefore be manned throughout the show. The landmarks quiz would be updated with new images from Parishes around the Borough and promotional material from previous years will be used.</p>	

<p>An email had been sent to all Parish Councils requesting support over the weekend and a couple of replies had been received so it is hoped that additional help will be available.</p>	
<p>4. Communications regarding Planning Applications (Ulley)</p> <p>An issue had been refereed to the group by Councillor Austen regarding a complaint by Ulley Parish Council concerning a planning application for a Wind Farm.</p> <p>An email had been received from the Chair, Peter Hubbard, regarding a perceived lack of courtesy in not informing the Parish Council of a discussion at Planning Board during July concerning the application and called into question the Joint Working Charter.</p> <p>Bronwen Peace (Planning Manager) has confirmed that the discussion at Board concerned procedural issues around the abolishment of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the impact on the application and not a further consultation/re-consideration of the development itself and therefore there was no requirement to contact the Parish Council.</p> <p>PG advised the group that this issue, and the general issue of the availability of planning information to Parish Councils, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Rother Valley West local Parish Network (during October) and if necessary escalated to the borough wide Parish Network.</p> <p>The group agreed, that depending on the outcome and success of the issue being addressed at the local Network meeting, Bronwen Peace and the Chair of Ulley PC be invited to the next Joint Working Group meeting to explore further.</p> <p>With regard to wider issues around availability of planning information PG advised that he would:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a quick link on the Parish Councils website to the latest planning applications on the Development Control site. • Remind parish councils of the email function that alerts Parishes to a new planning list being published. 	<p>PG to arrange invitations to next JWG meeting.</p> <p>PG to action</p>
<p>5. Road Closure (Letwell Parish Council)</p> <p>Martyn Sharpe (Clerk to Letwell Parish Council) had been in contact to request that the joint working group progress an issue on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>During July 2010 Streetpride closed the main road in and out of</p>	

<p>Letwell, the B 6463, known as Lamb Lane. Although repairs carried out to the road were welcome the Parish Council received no advance warning of the works and as such the village was left unprepared for the disruption. This road is the primary route in and out of the village and the closure had a significant effect on life in the village.</p> <p>The group requested that a letter be drafted on their behalf to be sent to the Chief Executives office to request that the issue be looked at by the relevant director and that the clerk at Letwell be updated.</p>	<p>PG to draft letter for MH and update Letwell.</p>
<p>6. Any other Business</p> <p>Next Parish Network Meeting</p> <p>The group expressed concern that the next Parish Network meeting scheduled for the 23rd of September is the same week as the YLCA Annual meeting at Scarborough and this would have a detrimental effect on attendance.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed to reschedule the meeting to the 13th of October 2010 at 5.30pm at the Town Hall.</p> <p>Suggestions for Agenda items were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical Standards Survey (Tim Mumford) • Proposals to cap precepts as past of national council tax freeze (obtain advice from Sheena Spence) 	<p>PG to reschedule date</p>
<p>7. Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>20th of October 2010, 4pm at the Town Hall.</p>	