

Minutes of NPSG 01/04/2025 - Village Hall

Meeting 4

Present:

John Russell - Chair
Tony Collins
Tony Williams
Kate Russell
Tom Chevalier
David Stacey
Lorraine Ward

Apologies:

Steve Killinger
Neil Buthee

The meeting was Quorate

The Agenda was circulated before the meeting

Minutes from Meeting 3 18th March 2025:

- approved

Matters arising:

- DS informed the SG that he met with Andy Shaw to commission design of website. Costs likely to be 1 day of Andys time £200, and c. £200 p.a. for either Wordpress or Ionos providing we manage storage which can be done on disc. Further meeting planned to ascertain best fit. TC to check with PCC how to access funds as below £500 so no need for full tender.

Action: DS and TC

- DS and SK to attend meetings shortly with the 4 identified groups including TADS to give a broad range of age and activity groups. Other SG members could attend and ongoing will need to divide the meetings as we reach out to other groups. Toddington Rovers scheduled for 6 May. TS to put together a short presentation. JR and TS to meet to agree to update for the Parish Council AGM and meeting on 8 April.

Action: DS, TC and JR

- Location for display of photo competition. KR and JR had been into Bistro 24 but unsure if this is the best venue as not a public space and it was quiet. The possibility of library discussed.

KR and JR to follow up

Working Group Reports:

Green Spaces (TV):

- No further update

Social, Education and Welfare (LW):

- LWs WIP and contact list discussed. LW reviewed the previous Toddington NP which needs numbers and other information updating as and when available. Has created a SEW folder on SharePoint. Will further review Maulden and Barton NP plans for ideas.

Action: WG Leads to develop respective work stream activity and co-ordinate through SG use Maulden Consultation Plan and LOCALITY website resources - both documents and/or addresses have been previously circulated

Housing (KR):

- KR has emailed Jane Hubbard twice to find out when CBC will undertake Strategic Housing Assessment (previous one dates from 2017) as part of development of CBC Local Plan. Also to request list of sites submitted under Call for Sites. No response yet. KR will contact BRCC to establish optimal timing and costs for Housing Survey. It was noted that generally there is a lack of single story accommodation for older people wishing to downsize, and for younger people starting out.

Action: KR to contact BRCC.

Communication and Community Engagement (DS):

- range of options for utilizing public events discussed including Village Fete.
- branding needs to be established quickly, before Easter at the latest. Various ideas discussed including green theme and use of images unique to Toddington. Village Pump a good option, and there is a relevant art display in the library window and subsequent to the meeting TC has circulated a historic photo.
- . Drone footage also discussed which requires a licence, and an individual is used by PCC.

Action: DC to discuss with Andy in relation to website. TC to follow up with PC.

Local Economy and Business

No further update.

Transport and Infrastructure:

No further update.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.

Next Meeting:

23rd April Wednesday 7pm Village Hall