

Thornbury Parish Plan Implementation Group

Minutes of Meeting – 10th February 2020, 7.30pm

Woodruff, Thornbury

Those present: Keith Hutchings (KH), Linda Bond (LB), Paul Taylor (PT), Meg Galley-Taylor (MG-T), Jane Akers (JA)

Apologies: Gaye Tabor (GT), Rob Priest (RP), Lynden Hughes (LH)

In the absence of the Chair, MG-T proposed, and JA seconded that KH act as Chair for this meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting: These had been sent to all members and taken as read. A copy was signed by the Chair.

Matters arising from previous minutes: None

Financial report:

The PPG bank account balance stood at £497.05 at 6th February 2020.

M G-T reported that the Tatler bank account balance stands at £390 at 10th February 2020, with a steady stream of advertising income through the year.

An expenses claim for £93 was paid to PT for the public meeting consumables costs and the stationery for the questionnaires.

Presentation of analysis of results from Parish Plan questionnaire

PT presented the initial findings from the results of the questionnaire. The following points were recorded:

Demographics: The number of under 21s has decreased, whilst the number of retirees has increased. The working population has remained the same. Once people move here, they are staying longer. These facts will influence how we plan for events in the new hall.

Village amenities: Although there was a lot of interest shown in those listed in the questionnaire, it seems unlikely that they would be economic in Thornbury parish. LB suggested that a central fridge / store for local produce for sale could be a way to judge interest. PT to take into plans.

New Hall: The high level of support for a new hall was encouraging, and KH will comment on this as part of an update on progress with planning etc in the next Tatler.

Services to village: It was noted that many of the services missing in 2011 (such as full recycling) are now in place, and this should be highlighted in the new Plan issue.

State of the roads: This is the major issue of concern to residents and will receive priority attention from the Parish Council.

Road safety: a significant minority of respondents do not feel safe on our roads, and it was suggested that we could either investigate speed limits in the Hamlets themselves, or at least seek to put “drive carefully” signs in these locations. PT to take up with Highways.

Communication: Faster broadband for Brendon and South Wonford is still a priority to avoid exclusion from the community and wider society. PT to investigate options and look at holding a public meeting in each Hamlet.

Noticeboards: These seem to be appreciated and are well used. It was suggested that we should look to use PPG funds (with grant support if possible) to place boards at South Wonford and

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Lashbrook as well. PT to investigate.

Emails for latest news: For those without Facebook, this could be an option. OPT to investigate GDPR implications.

Wellbeing: With an ageing population, issues of wellbeing for senior residents will become more prominent. LB suggested that we promote the use of technology for this group, and reinforce messages around fire safety etc. LB to see if the “Tech Bus” could visit this area.

Emergency Plan: It was suggested that we could also hold an event to tie in with the new version of the Emergency Plan (to be sent out in June 2020) to raise public awareness of the need for community mutual support.

Defibrillators: It was noted that whilst it would be good to have one in each Hamlet, at this time the costs are still prohibitive with other priorities for parish funds.

Neighbourhood Watch: It was recognised that whilst physical security is good (97% of residents feel safe and incidents of theft from properties are very low), the threat from online fraud is increasing. The PPG will consider ways that these messages can be taken into the community, especially for the older members.

Trees on the Green: LB observed that the fruit was not picked last year, and asked if we could consider an apple based event for children ?

Discuss and agree actions and publication of updated Parish Plan

It was agreed that the 2011 Plan would be updated to reflect the new demographic and interests of the community, and published primarily on the website, recognising that 90% of respondents have internet access. A short summary of initial findings will be put in the March 2020 Tatler. Rather than producing a separate glossy brochure summary as last time, it was agreed that an insert would be created for the June edition of the Tatler (probably 8 pages), giving the detailed findings and action plans. PT and MG-T to coordinate.

Big Lunch 2020

This will be held on **7th June** this year. JA will lead the organising team, and it was felt that there are no specific actions needed outside of the usual preparations. Suggestions needed for charity or community recipients of the proceeds.

Purchase of a PA system for the village

It was agreed at the previous meeting that the PPG would fund a PA system for community events. RP is investigating if a second-hand system is available from Bude Grassland, PT is investigating prices of a new one, and a decision to purchase will be taken at or before the next meeting.

AOB: It was agreed that once the new Parish Plan has been published, PPG meetings would revert to 1-2 per year, depending on other activities in the community.

The meeting closed at 21.05

Next meeting: 20th April 2020, at 7.30pm at Woodruff.