

Sub-group reports for 26th January CVNP meeting

Local Facilities and Recreation from Nick Scholefield:

In practice, Nick Hasell and myself are the sub group as the other member, though a keen parishioner, is often abroad. However, we have made some progress:

- Contacted all CVNP Parish Councils in December to request lists of facilities within each parish. Responders were very helpful, but some have not yet replied - need chasing up. Plan to put together a comprehensive spreadsheet with all existing facilities within the CVNP as an essential baseline.
- Met with Julie on 12 Jan to discuss the above and plan next steps. She was happy with progress to date, and I found the meeting helpful and reassuring.

Scrutiny of the Worcester Research survey (which had yet to be announced) would point to 'aspirations' from which 'objectives' would be drawn up. (This will precede any formulation of policy areas). Julie is to email me with various documents concerning Asset of Community Value Registration and baseline demographics of our area. Julie has sent me the Council's Rural Audit document that lists Leisure facilities, but from my experience may not be comprehensive.

We also discussed spatial notation and use of Parish Online mapping.

Housing from Hilary Collins

The group members are: Hilary Collins, Chair, Liz Boyd, Alison Kilgallon, Paul Cornelius, The group has met twice: 9.12.14 and 6.01.15 and we are due to meet again 17.02.15.

9.12.14: The members initially shared their contact details and their experience in relation to housing. Two members work in housing and two are Parish Councillors. There was a general discussion around some of the issues that we could start looking at and what documents are available. At the first meeting, members were given specific web links relating to the housing aspects of neighbourhood planning, which they were to look at prior to the next meeting.

6.01.15: Julie O'Rourke attended this meeting and was able to give us some more concrete areas to start investigating and some other ideas of what further information we need to collect, together with the kinds of groups that may be able to help us, such as History Societies. It became clear that this is going to be a large piece of work and that we are going to need to bring in other people to help with collecting the information that will ultimately lead to the Policies that we produce.

We had some examples of Neighbourhood Plans from other areas but are hampered in using them efficiently because of the inadequate level of technology - e.g. very slow and intermittent broadband speeds. It will mean that a lot of work will have to be done on paper - especially at subgroup meetings.

Transport from Felicity James

I hosted a meeting on Friday 5th December 2014. Julie O'Rourke, Bill Carruthers, Vic Pritchard, Tim Warren and myself attended. Heather Montague was unable to come, but would like to attend the next meeting. Julie advised we needed to consider our **Vision and Objectives**.

We discussed the existing public bus service, our aspirations and possible funding at length. The bus service was felt to be a priority in the valley. Possibility of encouraging transport hubs was considered.

Cycle ways and lack of car parking near shops was also discussed. Julie felt transport should involve the whole Chew Valley area, including Stanton Drew,

Bishop Sutton, Pensford, Clutton and perhaps the wider district. She felt we had made a good start and should wait until we receive the result of the Neighbourhood Plan survey. We would then have an idea of what residents felt about the existing transport and what they wanted for the future. She promised to send an outline of what we needed to consider, which she did email me.

Business from Nick Baker

I am in the process of generating interest in the sub-group. Jon Wheatley has pulled out. Rod Podger of the Chew Valley Chamber of Commerce has agreed to send out the e-mail below to all Chamber members. I have also circulated to other interested parties that I know.

Environment from Jenny Sowden

A meeting was arranged in December and one member of the group arrived. We did however make a list of subjects to be researched to provide background information on the intrinsic qualities of our area.

I asked all members of the group to meet Julie O'Rourke on 6th Jan. This time two (different) people turned up. I have yet to meet some of our group. Julie gave us a talk and said she would email all the info on afterwards but that we needed feedback from the questionnaire to begin.