

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

Consisting of the Parish and Town Councils

Kington Town Council

**Kington Rural and
Lower Harpton Parish Council**

Huntington Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on 2nd September 2014 in Kington

Present: M. Fitton (Kington) Chair
E.Rolls, J.Jones (Kington Rural)
R.Bradbury, R.Cotterill, C.Kibblewhite, (Kington Town)
G.Steel (Huntington)

In attendance: M.Tolhurst

1. Apologies for Absence: R.Widdowson, S.Wiliams (Kington Town)
B.James, G.Jones, M.Lloyd (Huntington)

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th April 2014
Agreed as correct

3. Matters arising (covered elsewhere on Agenda)

4. Progress reports

- i) Noted that public meetings had been held on Housing and Transport, both well-attended; notes from meetings to be put on website.
- ii) Website. RC and MF reported that initial problems were being addressed, some positive feedback received. Intention is that soon all relevant material will be on website. Mary Tolhurst and Richie Cotterill will benefit from Training Course to be supplied soon by MAP.
- iii) A group of Huntington residents have prepared a questionnaire based on contributions made at a meeting to which all Huntington residents had been invited; arrangements have been made with Map to print sufficient copies that every resident in the Parish of 18 yrs plus will receive a copy. Delivery will be hand or post. Questionnaire can be completed on- line or by hand; requests that they be returned by October 1st. Surveymonkey will be used to record responses.
- iv) MF had mailed out a letter to local business people; it is hoped that many will attend the public meeting on the Economy.
List of local clubs and societies being up-dated after which similar letter will be sent to each.

5. Proposed revisions to Locality Grant Support Programme.

MF had prepared attached paper.

Grant for £7,000 received from Locality to 4 broad areas of activity:

Public engagement	£1700
Community engagement	£435
Data and evidence gathering, surveys	£2,799
Preparation of draft Plan	£2,000

Letter recently received from Locality informed us that spend period will end by

December 31st 2014, and that unspent money cannot be carried forward and must be returned to Locality.

It was noted that some 'heads' will require more money than originally estimated, eg hire of larger rooms, special edition of the Kington Chronicle, purchase of large scale maps, and that the services of a consultant is needed to carry out an assessment of green spaces with a report.

It was agreed that a revised Budget be drawn up by MF, circulated for comment to all members of the group; once agreement reached MF will submit revisions to Locality for approval.

6. Future Policy Meetings:

September 30th The Economy to be held in The Burton, Martin to lead

October 30th The Environment (venue tba) Richie to lead

November 30th Sustainability (venue tba)

It was agreed that a Planning for Real Exercise should be held in The Market Hall over a 2-4 day period, possibly in November; to which everyone in the area be encouraged to participate. To be discussed further for dates etc.

7. Meetings with Landowners

MF proposed that meetings with landowners be arranged to discover possible land available for development (MF and RB to initiate)

8. Future Kington Rural and Lower Harpton programme

It was agreed that a meeting be held in Kington to which all residents within the Parish be invited to discuss issues relevant to them with a view to developing a questionnaire to be delivered to all 179 households

Esther Rolls agreed to book The Burton for **Wednesday October 8th**

ER to contact some individuals who might form a small group to prepare a questionnaire similar to the Huntington one.

9. Date of next meeting to discuss redraft of Budget. September 22nd or 23rd to be arranged when availability of all members is known.