

Newcastle Parish Plan Minutes

10th March 2010

Present :- Lorraine Morgan, Trefor Morgan, Peter Gittins, Derek Matthews, Chris Busfield, Frances Hall, Sallie Cuthberston, Sandra Davies.

Apologies:- Mike Weston, John Yeoward

Map

Map that is to form part of the final Parish Plan to have sites of historical Interest marked on it. It was suggested that we have local walks marked on it too.

The Shropshire Council can supply a map which will mean we will not have to pay a licence fee.

About You section – draft from Sandra & Kingsley Price; narrative & graphs

History of Newcastle Section

Suggested that a synopsis of Newcastle today and in the past be part of the Introduction, followed by the “history”

Add mention of the Lyche gate at Newcastle Church as there’s only one other similar in the whole of Shropshire – it’s also our logo!

Peter Gittins mentioned the old Chapel in Mardu Lane.

Shropshire Council Web Site has lots of relevant information for this section if more is needed.

Section on the Parish Council

Content needs to be reduced & should address issues raised in the questionnaire.

Hopesay Parish Plan

The committee thought that this plan had many good ideas, which could be used in our Action Plan.

Try to put a positive spin when interpreting the analysis on the answers from the questionnaire.

Parish Council

It was pointed out that parishioners can attend Parish council meetings.

Can contribute to the meeting if they notify the Chairperson before the meeting.

Peter & Sandra will discuss with Eddie Jones changes to the Section on the Parish Council.

Roads, Traffic & Transport section.

Shropshire Link provides a bus Service to Newtown and Bishops Castle which you need to book the day before.

Can it accommodate wheelchairs and bicycles ?

You can’t use the Shropshire Link to go to Newtown; crossing borders not possible.

State of the Clun to Newcastle road

Spoad Narrows

It was suggested that removing the hedges on one side of the bend would improve visibility. Flashing warning signs showing your speed would be a good solution; research shows that more people take note of this than other traffic calming measures.

School Bus

The school bus collects secondary aged pupils from the crossroads (intersection of Church Road and road to Newtown)This is considered to be dangerous.

It would be safer if the pupils were collected from outside the primary school where there is a pavement. This would not interfere with the primary children as the senior pupils are collected between 8:00 & 8:10 & are long gone before others are beginning to arrive for school.

There was some concern over the condition of the school bus and not sure whether it has seat belts.

Thorns from hedge cuttings on the road can cause punctures in tyres.

Farmers are responsible for cutting hedges.

People need to talk to farmer responsible for section of road causing problems.

Road Bridge at entrance to Newcastle

Poor visibility but if approached correctly less of a problem.

Recreation, Leisure & Tourism section

Millennium Green

A number of parishioners have suggested that additional parking could be provided at the Newcastle Community Hall by utilizing part of the village green.

A communication received from the Countryside Commission stated that use of the green for parking would contravene Millennium Green Trust as set out in clause 3 of the trust Deed and the Countryside Commissions of Grant conditions for provision of the grant.

Derek circulated the rough draft of his ideas for this section & talked us through it.

Question & answer discussion helped clarify issues; he will continue working on it

Walks

Money is available to produce leaflets about circular walks in the parish.

Information available from Shropshire Council.

Environment and Sustainable Living section

Sallie took us through the narrative & explained the graphics.

Recycling

Parish Web site

Community Shop

Presentation of final action plan document

Are we using too many graphs? Need consistency, style, colours extra.

Health

This section was presented in outline only at this stage.

Main findings; large % of respondents are satisfied with The Meadows Group Practice but people would like extended opening hours.

Shrop Doc; people are not satisfied with this service.

There was insufficient time to present any work on remaining sections.

Meeting closed @ 21:00hrs.

Next meeting

19:00 hours

Newcastle Community Centre

April 28th

Information

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