

Roecliffe Neighbourhood Plan

Opening Meeting Minutes.

Meeting held at Holmside Farm, 1500hrs Friday February 20th. 2015.

Present: Stuart Varley, Joyce Reeve, Adrian Webster, Paul Say, Keith Pettitt, Dave Siswick (chairman), Richard Booth.

Apologies: Scott Green, Jim Bolland, Andrew Baldwin.

Members were welcomed and thanked for the interest they were showing in the project. It was noted that out of a population of, perhaps, nearly 200 adults, interest is shown by about ten people. It was therefore felt that more publicity should be targeted on the general population of Roecliffe and Westwick, such that there is a greater understanding of the significance of a Neighbourhood Plan. The best way to do this is by personally calling at each house in the area, and explaining verbally what we are trying to achieve. The visit should be reinforced by leaving a written summary of our objectives, and perhaps more importantly, a list of our contact details that input can be offered.

It was felt to be of prime importance to have easy and open lines of communication throughout the duration of the project thus encouraging people to participate, and feel that they had done so, thereby hopefully leading to a positive referendum result at the end.

Each committee member would be given a section of the villages to cover.

A map of the area was circulated, but sadly has subsequently been found not to include Westwick (oops). This will be rectified shortly.

Those of the committee who attended the meeting last month with Gill Richie (HBC) recognized the immense value of having access to her expertise. It was held to be advantageous to invite her to the next meeting.

The committee did not know its own Charitable Status.

There were broad headings on the agenda, to which had been made subsequent additions, but which still will not necessarily be a complete list. It was decided to allocate one or more of the sections to members as follows:

Transport, road safety, pathways	Paul
Maintenance of the Conservation Area and Community Resilience Scheme	Joyce
Public Utility Services	Dave
Housing	Stuart
Business	Andrew (in his absence!)
Sport and recreation	Adrian
Website/IT	Richard
Finance/Village Fund liaison	Keith

It was felt that some of these heading were very large, whilst some were not. Recognising the unfair division of workload, it will no doubt be necessary to reinforce some of these resources.

The group felt that a headline “mission statement” was needed. The words “living and working in Roecliffe and Westwick” and “the shape of the future” were both thought to be appropriate for inclusion.

The committee members agreed to give their delegated area(s) some thought before the next meeting.

Dave will be attending a symposium of the subject of Neighbourhood Plans held by HBC on March 4th. There is only one place available.

The next meeting will be at the same time and place on March 27th. Friday.

Dave Siswick.

PS. Following the meeting, Scott has volunteered to liaise with matters affecting the school.