Felmersham and Radwell Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A number of people from Radwell and Felmersham responded to the leaflet titled "love where you live?" which was delivered to all residents either via direct leaflet drop or accompanying the February edition of the Ouse News. Those who responded were invited by Rosemary Drewery and Rosie Cheetham - the parish councillors responsible for the Neighbourhood Plan - to attend a meeting to find out more about what was involved and to form a steering group.

The steering group will be responsible for finding out relevant information about our parish, and gathering views of our community and local stakeholders with regard to the future development of our villages in five key areas: Environment and Heritage, Housing, Infrastructure, Village Facilities and Business.

First Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 19th February 2016

Present: Janet Barber Iain Billing, Jane Carwithen, Rosie Cheetham, Janet Cook, Rosemary Drewery, Luke Gardiner, Ian Kimsey, Dave Oliver, Ken Shrimpton

Apologies: Susan Aiken

It was decided that the launch event exhibition which seeks to engage with the whole community and canvas views on a variety of topics would be held at the Village Hall as follows:

Launch Event: 22nd-23rd April Village Hall

Friday 4-9pm (7-9pm business focus)

Saturday 10-5pm

Attendees of the meeting introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of their areas of special knowledge or interest. The group then decided to take on particular portfolios of responsibility as follows.

Portfolio Holders:

Housing: Janet Barber and Janet Cook

Objective: Delivering housing which both sustains the current and meets the future needs of the community.

Infrastructure: Jane Carwithen and Ken Shrimpton

Encouraging safe and sustainable movement for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and public transport, and to plan infrastructure provision (including communications infrastructure) to meet current and future needs.

Environment and Heritage: Dave Oliver, Iain Billing, Ian Kimsey

Protecting and enhancing our existing and future open spaces and supporting our distinctive landscape which contributes to a sense of place and community, including natural features such as small woodlands, in-field trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams which distinguish the parish, protecting and enhancing our listed buildings.

Village Facilities: Susan Aiken, Rosie Cheetham

Ensuring that the village benefits from sufficient community facilities and services for all.

Business and Employment: Luke Gardiner

Identifying development opportunities to provide further employment growth within the village whilst safeguarding existing businesses for the benefit community.

Date of next meeting: Friday 4th March 7.15pm

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