

Minutes of the A, S & S NP Delivery Group Committee

9 February 2015

Present: Margaret Morgan , Keith Cameron, Patrick Griffin, Diana Tombs, Jeff Bygrave, Kevin McGann, Eric Nicoli, Alan Ince, Charles Appleby

Planning applications and appeals; RDC panel

The number of planning applications continues to represent a huge workload to process and respond to.

We have an important appeal hearing we're attending on 24th Feb – Rear of 13 Sunning Ave.

NB. Diana is away for the next RDC panel meeting; it was agreed that either Alan will speak for the NPDG or (if Fox Covert is on the agenda), that Margaret will (Diana will draft!). Date is 4th March.

Fundraising

Following the discussion at the previous meeting, it was agreed that corporate sponsorship on any significant is likely to be a medium or long term option, if at all.

Funding by an appeal to local residents remains probably our best way forward.

Email sends

Emails sent out since our last meeting:

- 2/2/15 Fountain application withdrawn (NB. Received a number of emails in response saying 'well done' and 'thank you')

Resource discussion

The main focus of the meeting was around how we resource the amount of work we have.

The following actions were agreed:

- Jeff said that we should either rein in what we do with existing or limited resources or get more resource to do what is needed – agreed.
- Diana will draw up "role descriptions" for all the different tasks, trying to break them into component parts so that they can be shared out among more people
- Diana will produce a print copy of our current email list for everyone to go through to identify people they know – especially people we have helped/advised over planning matters so that we can approach them to see if they will help with some of the tasks
- Keith will give thought to some words that will encourage more people to join us to help
- Kevin will look into the potential of finding students interested in working with us as an internship or work experience (relevant to their course)
- Jeff raised the question of what could be done in terms of "back office" computing to support both NPDG and SPAE. More thought should be given to this.

Dates of future committee meetings

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th March at 7pm at Margaret's. Diana is an apology as she's away. It was agreed that MM will chair the next meeting and PG will do the reminders etc.

AOBs

Jayne McGann has set up a Twitter account for NPDG and is looking at the website more generally.

Alan Ince suggested that in view of his personal involvement with a neighbour's planning application he should stand down from the committee. It was agreed that it would be best, until such time as the application were determined.