

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>MEETING:</b>	Parish Council Network Meeting
	<b>DATE:</b>	11.05.2022, 6pm-8pm
	<b>VENUE:</b>	The Lyric Theatre, Dinnington
	<b>CHAIR:</b>	Cllr Sarah Allen
	<b>MINUTE TAKER:</b>	Katie Norcliffe (RMBC – Neighbourhood Support Officer)
<b>In Attendance</b>		
Cllr Sarah Allen	RMBC, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods	
Martin Hughes	RMBC Head of Neighbourhoods	
Catherine Oxtoby	RMBC, Parish Council Liaison	
Katie Norcliffe	RMBC, Neighbourhoods	
Andy Lee	RMBC, Culture, Sport & Tourism	
Rachel Jackson	RMBC, Early Help & Family Engagement	
Amanda Needham	RMBC, Early Help & Family Engagement	
Ewan Cumming	RMBC, Early Help & Family Engagement	
Joanne Conway	RMBC, Early Help & Family Engagement	
M Elliott	Aston Cum Aughton PC	
B Bartholomew	Aston Cum Aughton PC	
K Butler	Aston Cum Aughton PC	
T Craven	Thrybergh PC	
J Loftus	Dinnington St Johns PC	
D Smith	Dinnington St Johns PC	
P Smith	Dinnington St Johns PC	
D Adams	Dinnington St Johns PC	
S Foster	Dinnington St Johns PC	
J Dixon	Todwick PC	
Z Davis	Todwick PC	
C Ogden	Wales PC	
D Carswell	Wales PC	
D Fitzgibbons	Maltby TC	
C Mcmaller	Maltby TC	
D Castor	Maltby TC	
S Biggin	Maltby TC	
D Sutton	Maltby TC	
J Holsey	Dalton PC	
A Copeland	Thurcroft PC	
C Assop	Thurcroft PC	
C Pilkington	Anston PC	
C Jepson	Anston PC	
M Wilkinson	Anston PC	
D Fenwick-Green	Brampton PC	
R Jupp	Ravenfield PC	
D Rowley	Ravenfield PC	
H Francis	Nature Recovery Rotherham	
Nicky	Nature Recovery Rotherham	

Megan	Nature Recovery Rotherham
Gary Whitaker	Active Regen
<b>Apologies</b>	
Thorpe Salvin PC	
Hellaby PC	
Rebecca Thompson	Letwell PC
Jo Pittard	Firbeck PC
Elaine Keeling-Heane	Whiston PC
Rachel Graham	Waverley PC
Caroline Havenhand	Harthill with Woodall PC
Carol	Wickersley PC
Jodie Huddleston	Catcliffe PC
Al Evans	Dinnington PC
Gemma O'Carroll	Ravenfield PC
Gill Culverwell	Brampton Bierlow PC
Cllr Tony Griffin	Whiston PC
Cllr Tim Baum-Dixon	Anston PC
Julie James	Treeton PC

Item	Subject / Discussion	Action
1.	<b>Networking &amp; Refreshments</b>	
2.	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>  Cllr Allen welcomed all to the meeting.	
3.	<b>Notes from Previous Meeting (17<sup>th</sup> November 2021)</b>  Notes had been previously sent out. February's meeting was cancelled due to a low turnout.  Actions from the November meeting had all been completed. All agreed they were a true record.	
4.	<b>Nature Recovery – Helen Francis (Rotherham Climate Action)</b>  Helen's colleague Nicky presented an overview of what is happening in the area at the moment in terms of projects and also advice on how Parish Councils can get involved. Slides will be circulated to the group after the meeting.  Two main issues: -  Climate Crisis Nature Crisis  Questions/Thoughts: -  Discussion was held around areas including Dinnington and Wales having land that was previously green belt redesignated and now due to be built on. The question of how we can make nature work in these cases was asked.  Nicky stated that each allocated site will have a policy around what needs to happen for nature. She encouraged Parish Councils to	

	<p>speak to the Council and ensure their voices are heard. The Council are currently under resourced in terms of ecology expertise and are relying on consultants.</p> <p>Cllr Allen stated that she understands the views of colleagues but the local plan was approved in 2018 re land. The decision is made, it cannot be overturned but there is an opportunity as sites come on board to argue for the best outcome. Working with partners is important. We need to continue discussions and keep conversations moving forward.</p> <p>Colleagues asked whether an Ecological report was available for each site?</p> <p>Nicky confirmed that a survey would take place prior to development. All developers have to take steps to leave more than they take.</p> <p><u>D Rowley, Ravenfield PC</u>– 320 houses being built currently by Redrow homes. Can we insist on anything else when talking to them?</p> <p>Nicky stated that there a few things including bat bricks and swift bricks. New policies are currently being put together but are in the early stages. Parish Council's are advised to think about where you would like to see more, Parish Council's can be looking at maps to help decide where more biodiversity needs to go. Can send some advice out after this meeting.</p> <p>Helen stated that they are happy to help signpost Parish Council's.</p> <p><u>Z Davis, Todwick PC</u>– Is there any funding set aside for this type of work? Ideas are great but expensive.</p> <p>Helen clarified that there is lots of funding available but need to know what we need the funding for initially and then can look into sourcing it.</p> <p>Cllr Allen suggested individual Parish C's want a conversation with Helen/Nicky, to contact them and ask if they would come and see them.</p> <p><u>D Fenwick-Green, Brampton PC</u> – Currently volunteering myself, struggling to do the work, not enough volunteers. Where can I get the help from?</p> <p>Nicky stated they can help signpost volunteers. Would be a good idea to talk outside of the meeting.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Tree Planting Programme – Andy Lee (RMBC)</b></p> <p>Whole department that looks after nature. The service makes sure there is balance with house building and nature. We don't have anyone in an Ecology post at the moment, working with outsourced people for that expertise.</p> <p>Andy gave an overview of tree planting in Rotherham. Slides will be circulated after the meeting.</p>	

- 51 woodlands owned by RMBC.

Andy talked to the group about the benefit of tree planting,

- Sustainable Plan – RMBC Commitments/Pulling partners together
- Dedicated land for planting up to 2030
- New Tree Management Protocol – used when people approach with enquiries.
- Communication & Engagement – Email for enquiries changed [trees@rotherham.gov.uk](mailto:trees@rotherham.gov.uk)
- FAQ also produced to help

What can Parish Councils do?

What does it do?

- Aimed at bringing landowners together.
- Engagement work to do around the importance and need for trees

Getting Involved – Would like to work with you. We have a tree officer to work with you. Becky is based at Thrybergh Country Park 01709 850353.

Questions/Thoughts:-

Parish Council colleagues expressed concern that with deprivation/poverty in the area, how can Rotherham Council justify spending money on trees?

Andy clarified that external money was being used to fund rather than Council money.

J Loftus, Dinnington St Johns PC – Explained that she had noticed existing woodlands being deliberately cut down in her area, huge trees had been chopped down. Someone from the council did come to have a look but didn't progress any further. What can be done?

Andy explained that the Woodland budget is £4000 a year for all the woodland area. Hoping to increase this amount this year. There are some resourcing issues. The main issue here is identifying who's cut them down, witnesses are needed to progress via the Police. Would encourage anyone with any information to pass this on.

PC colleagues asked whether the Planting of trees included shrubbery/hedgerows?

Andy confirmed it did, all trees even in the hedgerows.

C Alsop, Laughton Common/Thurcroft PC – Expressed an interest in working with Andy and his team as they have land on Laughton Recreational land – details have already been sent through. Andy will pick this up with Carol out of the meeting.

Parish Council colleagues had identified recently that residents had found Rotherham Council hadn't surveyed a specific tree for 18 years?

	<p>Andy explained that up to 5 years ago Rotherham Council had dealt with surveys reactively, the number of tree officers had doubled in the last 5 years.</p> <p>Applying for funding to resource further.</p> <p>We would ideally like to visit trees every 3 years.</p> <p>Andy is aware of the tree in question and it has been inspected.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Youth Provision – Early Help (RMBC), Cllr Tony Griffin &amp; Jordan Arno (Whiston Parish Council), Gary Whitaker (Active Regen)</b></p> <p>Amanda and other Early Help colleagues provided a brief overview of what is available through the service: -</p> <p>Jo - Family Support: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff hold cases, working with families through an assessment process</li> <li>• Also work with other partners.</li> <li>• TAF– Team around the family - Working with them, not telling them what to do.</li> <li>• Work with social care also.</li> <li>• Multi skilled link workers helping with parenting, 1:1 basis.</li> <li>• Workers work with designated schools that they visit to offer advice and guidance, attendance is also looked at, this then creates a pathway through Rotherham Council.</li> </ul> <p>Rachel – Outreach and Engagement: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-19 service,</li> <li>• Baby yoga, baby massage, toddler yoga.</li> <li>• Milestone progression - working with families and groups</li> <li>• Looking to set up some outreach work in Aston supporting year 6 pupils</li> <li>• Offer support to young people over 16</li> <li>• Offer keep on track programme, universal youth provision.</li> </ul> <p>Ewan: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trying to promote what we do; we would like to work with you to address issues and concerns in the South area.</li> <li>• Would like to work with you and partners to create a multi agency response.</li> <li>• Partnership working across the full area is very important.</li> <li>• Vast majority of young people are good people, but plenty need our help.</li> <li>• We were less aware that some groups have folded, need to have a look at where the gaps are.</li> <li>• Would like to look at possible opportunity to work together.</li> <li>• Jordan, Senior Youth Worker, Whiston PC and Kerry who also attended to share ideas and their experiences.</li> </ul> <p>Kerry: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used to be chair of Whiston PC</li> <li>• Wanted to create a provision</li> <li>• Having had meetings with young people, they expressed they would like a youth club to attend</li> <li>• Came up with the modal and budget etc.</li> </ul>	

- Worked with the Neighbourhood team and Ward Cllr's were also very helpful.
- Wanted to create a safe space, consulting with young people worked, giving them a voice etc.

Jordan: -

- Two groups within the youth club. Junior age and then a Senior group
- Groups run from the Parish Hall at Whiston
- Open access youth club. Parents are not required to sign in their child in the senior group
- Want to make sure that the children feel safe, and they feel they can talk to someone
- Getting the right Staff is important, people don't have to have a degree qualification but must be passionate with a good knowledge foundation. The key is passion for making a difference.
- Need to adhere to guidance on numbers of staff. The more staff the better the service, can get some good volunteers
- Must make sure you are following the correct procedures/policies
- Early Help have been helpful, online resources are also available
- Engagement is important with PC's and who is setting up the group, attend each Parish Council Meeting for updates & feedback.
- Talk to local Cllr's, can possibly help with set up costs
- Local Police are also involved and local charities
- Working with other building users, schools, local churches, local papers are also good ideas

Gary, Active Regen: - Slides were shared with the group

- Rotherham based charity

What we do/Benefits: -

- Sport and physical activity
- Work in needy communities
- Employability programme
- Schools educational programme
- Developed programme with MIND – 12-week programme
- Older peoples programme – oldest member 91
- Work with various communities – centre-based programme
- School holiday programme
- All free of charge – This can cause problems in that people will book and not turn up, we try and encourage people to let us know if they can't make it as someone else could have had the place
- Currently working with 5/6 Parish/Town Councils
- 300 participants per week
- 40% money contribution from Parish Councils

Seems to be working well

Benefits of Multi agency working: -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better understanding of what is happening</li> <li>• Avoid duplication</li> <li>• Tailor made</li> <li>• Marketing</li> <li>• Ensuring engagement</li> </ul> <p>Questions/Thoughts: -</p> <p>Cllr Allen suggested another meeting for Parish Council colleagues to come together to ask any questions they may have regarding all of the info provided.</p> <p>All agreed another meeting to be arranged</p> <p>Colleagues asked about the attendance at the Whiston youth clubs?</p> <p>Jordan said that 35 young people attend each week. There is a broad range of young people and active change has been seen.</p> <p>Early help colleagues link in with Jordan, working closely has been beneficial.</p>	
7.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><u>C Jepson, Anston PC</u> – The forum that took place in February to discuss Youth Provision was very useful, I think what we need is facts/figures as budgets have been set for this year. Biggest thing will be the cost.</p> <p>Cllr Allen to try and pull a meeting together and encourage attendance to discuss further.</p> <p>Slides from the meeting will be circulated with the notes.</p> <p><u>D Rowley, Ravenfield PC</u> – Told the group that YMCA, meet 3 times a year. The next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Aston Town Offices and Alan Billings is attending. Would like to invite all PC colleagues to attend.</p>	<p><b>SA</b></p> <p><b>KN</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Date and Time of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>TBC, face to face, venue TBC – Earmarked 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 6-8pm</p>	