

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPINNEY PROJECT COMMITTEE ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2006 AT LLANFAIR HOUSE, ST MARY CHURCH

PRESENT

Melanie O'Neill
Jim Teague
Carolyn McKenzie
Celia Leeke
Tim McIlveen
Angus Thody
Sarah Wallace

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Marian Hales, John Casey and Lindsay Turner

2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed with the following amendment:
2.2(i) Should read "It was agreed that the Church Solicitors, Larby Williams, can be contacted before the CC meeting."

3. MATTERS ARISING

1.4 Constitution. The Group was asked to consider the draft Constitution. It was agreed that this might not be adopted at this stage but could be utilised in future if necessary, the Constitution of the Residents Association being sufficient – see 11(vi).

2.4 Raising funds. Melanie has spoken to Andy Hopkins who will be giving Melanie a list of organisations to approach for funding. He has recommended that the Residents Association be approached as application for funding is better served by two bodies. The group discussed this and it was agreed.

4. ST MARY CHURCH WEBSITE

Angus reported that this is being built at the moment. Angus and Melanie are to meet to discuss the format of the website and collate historical data for inclusion. Aerial photographs of the village are available. It was agreed that a page should be allocated for the Residents Association. It is hoped that most of the pages will be filled within a month. It was also agreed that if names and addresses are to be included on the website, people must be consulted before their inclusion. The village e-mail address is ideas@stmarychurch.org.uk.

5. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH CHURCH

There is nothing further to report at present. Melanie has written to Canon Belcher on 28th February but to date has received no reply.

6. RSPB ADVICE ON ROOKS

The RSPB has been consulted on the effect on rooks in the event of trees having to be felled. They have advised that rooks nest until the middle of May, and that they will find alternative nests.

7. GEM PUBLICITY

The Gem has been contacted re the website and also the Spinney Project. They have expressed interest in this. It was suggested that a monthly diary might be written. John Casey will be approached in this connection.

8. SUE MCDONAGH ARTWORK

Sue McDonagh has agreed to paint free of charge an artists impression of the Spinney after the proposed improvements. It was agreed that this must be easily recognisable as belonging to St Mary Church, e.g. with the Church included in the picture. She has suggested using cameos in the picture and has agreed to sign over the copyright in case it might be used in the future for cards, signed prints etc. It will be e-mailed over for inclusion in the website.

9. MISSION STATEMENT

Agreed to read as follows: "To develop the area known as "The Spinney" into a village amenity of enhanced aesthetic and functional value."

10. LETTER FOR RESIDENTS

Agreed as written with the inclusion of the Village e-mail address.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Tim McIlveen will give Melanie the name of a landscape gardener

(ii) Melanie has approached Arian Community Business, a local community business group, to provide a quote for the landscaping of the Spinney.

(iii) Application for grants. Details of Enfys and WCVA were distributed to the group for information. Melanie also advised that Aberthaw Power Station and Blue Circle could be approached. Funding may be available from them as the companies can make money available for local landscaping projects in lieu of paying tax on their landfill sites.

(iv) It was suggested that a start should be made to raise funds for the Project. In this respect it was proposed that a Quiz Night be arranged for Friday 28th April at Llanfair School. Melanie will approach Llanfair PTA.

(v) Jim reported that an application had been made from a resident for a boules park to be made in the Spinney.

(vi) It was agreed that the Spinney Group should work under the umbrella of the Residents Association.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th April at 7.00p.m. at Llanfair House.