

Villages Together Partnership  
Meeting minutes

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WILL ASK WHY  
YOU'RE  
DOING IT.  
LATER THEY'LL  
ASK HOW  
YOU DID IT.

Date:	Thursday March 14th
Venue:	Woolavington Village Hall
Attendance:	Angi Lewis, Peter Beer, Peter Hardwidge, Cyan Matthews, Georgina MacLennan, Vicky Edkins, Sharon Collard, Simon Bale, Julie Coleman, Sue Gould, Helen Baker, John Lunn, Bob Plews, Joanne Plews, Sophie Cowdell, Vanda Crow,
Apologies:	Robert Hemms, Teresa Hemms, Angela Gascoigne, Lee Martin- Scull, Alan Sharp, Lynda Norton.

Agenda:

1. Introductions and apologies for absence.
2. Agree notes of February meeting, matters arising (membership agreement, dates of meetings, Loneliness Project) and conflicts of interest for the meeting
3. Brief update from Sharon
4. Code Club – Visit from Woolavington Primary School Head - **Georgina MacLennan**
5. Dreamscheme – potential project presentation
6. The Hub Woolavington - application
7. Easter Event – date/VT Facebook/promotion/partnership volunteers/lanyards/budget
8. Simon Bale – Loneliness project
9. Extra meetings – in addition to partnership meetings
  - Agree to delegate decisions to specific task group?
  - Agree to have a meeting budget/give Sharon a level of petty cash?
10. Community grants
11. A.O.B

Agenda item - Discussion	Comments and actions	Completed
<p><b>1.Introductions and apologies</b></p> <p>Discussions around who is a voting member or visitor - John added this to the signing in sheet – attach to minutes</p>	<p>Sharon to attach this to minutes</p>	
<p><b>2. Agree notes of Feb Meeting</b></p> <p>Vanda asked for any comments on accuracy or any amendments – no comments</p> <p>VT seeking admin post to take and type up minutes – Sharon has prepared a draft advert to be shared on Facebook and within Puriton and Woolavington.</p> <p>Vanda asked if anyone had a particular interest in any of the priority areas within the plan then they should contact Sharon.</p> <p>Members to contact Sharon if they require a copy of the plan.</p> <p>Peter Hardwidge raised that he cannot attend all of the meetings he asked that he can email ahead of the meeting if he has questions and comments – Vanda agreed this</p> <p>Membership forms and declaration of interest forms – Sharon has retyped and members were asked to update.</p>	<p>Draft advert agreed by members.</p> <p>Sharon to email to Julie Coleman to be shared on Facebook</p>	<p>Emailed – 18/03/19</p>

<p><b>3.Update from Sharon:</b></p> <p>Been in post for 6 weeks:  Visited groups to give them cheques and to chat to people to see how the funding is or will make a difference to them – Puriton Over sixties, Flare youth group, Puriton Toddler group.  Looking at how groups can link together to cover aspects of the Plan.  Next steps: Communication and publicity - Facebook, Website, leaflet.  Vanda discussed the ROF site development with ‘Gravity’ we need to be aware of this development.  Big local day in Exeter – Listened to several other areas what activities and services they are undertaking within their communities.</p>		
<p><b>4. Georgina MacLennan and Vicky Edkins – Presenting project from Woolavington and Puriton school.</b></p> <p>This project aims to provide on-going computing provision for children, families and local residents in both villages. The project will develop over the next 2 years (and beyond) and aims to provide computing provision for the whole community. We are asking for an amount of money to purchase the hardware needed for each community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vanda asked if the school are Fundraising for this project.</li> <li>• John Lunn asked if the Clevedon Trust are contributing to the project?</li> <li>• Julie Coleman asked how will the equipment and software be maintained and updated?</li> <li>• Vanda asked how the Youth club could link with the project?</li> <li>• Vanda asked that a medium and long term plan is drawn up to address some of the questions and comments.</li> <li>• Peter Beer offered to go into school and talk to the children about agriculture</li> </ul>	<p>Any further Questions to be emailed to Sharon</p>	

**5.Dreamscheme – Angi Lewis, Cyan Matthews and Helen Baker presented the Dreamscheme project:**

The dream scheme is a community and partnership led scheme where young people aged 8-14 sign up to take part in a positive community activity and are then rewarded for their commitment. Community activities will be identified as a need or a concern in the villages via social media, public consultations or ideas from the young people involved. An activity

- Vanda asked if there was a breakdown of costs?
- Members asked how will the Young people be identified?
- Vanda asked will the project cover supporting Young people to develop life skills ?
- Members asked how young people in Puriton will be engaged with?

Cyan said that the project has evolved from the Woolavington steering group where ASB issues amongst Young people in the community were identified.

Angi has sent this Sharon to attach to minutes

Vanda asked members to vote 6 agreed to project.

Vanda said the monies will be held with SHAL Housing.

<p><b>6.Hub Woolavington – Family fun weekend</b></p> <p>The weekend Family event will be inclusive to all residents of Woolavington, Puriton and surrounding Villages. One of the objectives of the weekend is to generate interest and funds for our vision for a ‘Community Hub’ for the residents (from Babies to elderly residents) of Woolavington, Puriton and surrounding Villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie asked Peter Hardwidge what the outcome was from the consultation event? Peter said that a committee has been formed and they have minutes from a meeting held with the community.</li> <li>• Sophie reminded members of the plan and that there is a budget within that is identified for communication and engagement as VT and other partners could attend.</li> <li>• Sophie reminded Peter that if the publicity states that the funds raised will be for The Hub and that the Hub does not</li> <li>• Vanda asked that members consider the funding for the July weekend events to the amount of £4000 and the November firework display could be considered at a later date.</li> </ul>	<p>Vanda asked members to Vote ( Woolavington members with an interest in Hub Woolavington did not vote)</p> <p>4 voted yes</p> <p>Sharon to Liaise with the Hub Woolavington committee</p>	
<p><b>7.Easter event- Celebration event for VT</b></p> <p>During a planning meeting members discussed opportunities to celebrate the work of VT. The majority suggested we hold an Easter egg hunt. Vanda suggested that that we attend the Event in July with a stand and professional publicity to engage with the public and share the work of VT</p>	<p>All agreed that an Easter event would be too soon. All agreed to attend the July weekend event to promote the work of VT</p>	

<p><b>8.Simon Bale – Loneliness project :</b></p> <p><b>Aims</b>  The aim of this project is to <i>transform our neighbourhoods so that loneliness does not get a foothold</i> in people's personal and public relationships. To achieve this end, there needs to be some identification of the extent of the problem to begin with. We all know people who might consider themselves</p> <p>lonely — and we ourselves might also be part of that group. Even so, identifying how that loneliness has come about is complex and possibly not especially necessary</p>	<p>5 Votes agreed for Simons work to start 1<sup>st</sup> April</p>	
<p><b>9. Extra meetings – in addition to partnership meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agree to delegate decisions to specific task group?</li> <li>- Agree to have a meeting budget/give Sharon a level of petty cash?</li> </ul>	<p>This item to be carried forward to the next meeting in April</p>	
<p><b>10. A.O.B – Vanda asked all members if they had any items.</b></p> <p>Sue Gould presented some feedback from the Puriton book club who have had a community grant Sue asked how do we promote this? Press release suggested use to display at public events Puriton flower show and party in the park.</p> <p>Joanne Plews – Suggested we discuss Christmas plans in advance as last year there was a community Christmas tree could we plan ahead to support this. Sophie had asked Sharon to contact Joanne to discuss Christmas crafts etc.</p> <p>Peter Hardwidge – Raised that there is a lack of dog poo bins in the community and asked would VT sponsor a project to install more bins. Peter was advised to seek the views of the community and feedback.</p>	<p>Sharon to email logo for flower show promotion</p> <p>Sharon and Joanne to meet</p>	<p>Emailed – 18/03/19</p>

11. Community Grant applications 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019:

Group	Funds for	Amount	How benefits community	Decision	Notes
Woolavington Handbell Ringers	For costs of the maintenance of the handbells and music stands	£959.57	This will enable us to give far better, more musical performances and will greatly increase the enjoyment of our team, who are now struggling to play some of the bells properly	All agreed	Sharon to visit Handbell ringers and present cheque
Woolavington Thursday Coffee morning	Raffle prizes, coach hire costs for summer trip and rent costs	£1000	Elderly residents attend the weekly group and prevents people becoming isolated	All agreed	Sharon to visit to present cheque

Minutes sent : 01/04/19

Attached documents – Loneliness project, Member list,