

## Notes from Council Away Day 31 August 2024

**Attendees:** Graham Bridgman, Heath Geary, Lynn Hannawin, Dave Kilshaw, Hugh Kilshaw, Mollie Lock, Danusia Morsley, Andrew Richardson, Michael Shaw, Kev Strong, Sallyann Taylor, John Wells

**Apologies:** Nick Carter, Mike Dennett, Stephen Hill, Andy Noonan

### Brief intros

**Wide ranging discussion** about (i) what we do - what we must do (v limited – hold annual and at least three other meetings, set precept, manage certain land because we have leases etc), what we actually do (signposting, staff, finance, risk, deal with consultations, planning, liaison with WBC, speeding, roads, NDP and projects, etc), and what we want to do (community involvement, grants, village facilities, etc), and (ii) how we go about doing it.

**Conclusions (how we do things)** – looked at various other PCs and how they structure themselves:

- **Website** and better links to other local sites
- **Committee Structure** to be revised (but not until 2025):
  - **F&GP** to deal with finance, risk and HR
  - **Facilities** to deal with the Fairground, Cemetery, owned/leased land (commons, Windmill Common, etc), pill box and car park
  - **Community** to deal with cycleway (move to Facilities once construction complete), CISG (see below), communications and greening
  - **Planning and Highways** to deal with (a) planning, licensing and neighbourhood plan, and (b) roads, footways, footpaths (and bridleways), hedgerows, speeding and parking (Q – does Planning need to meet fortnightly – other PCs have (eg) monthly meetings?)
  - New body – the **Community Involvement (Steering?) Group** – to be created to look at community involvement generally, links into and with MVP and others, sponsoring (eg) village events, etc. Heath, Hugh, Dave, Andrew & Kev to discuss and Heath to bring a note to the October SMPC meeting.
  - Graham to work on draft revised ToR for discussion (*post meeting – Planning needs to meet at least three-weekly given orange planning notice deadlines*).

**Ideas for Autumn newsletter** – Kev as new councillor, search for new Clerk, project updates, outside body item -

**SMPC scarecrow for 2024 Scarecrow Trail – Myths & Legends** – decided on knights of the round table: Kev, Heath, Dave, Hugh, & Graham (and anyone lese prepared to help) to organise

**Quality Award** – agreed to continue, but await new Clerk before seeking upward progression

**Search for a new Clerk** – discussion re how to advertise (posters for notice boards handed out)

**Long term ambitions:**

- own premises;
- management of cycleway once built;
- Fairground and community centre leases - renewal negotiations (by 2027);
- Local Council Award Scheme;
- creating a budget for future CIL
- web site links;
- electronic comms.