

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH PLAN STEERING GROUP

Minutes of Inaugural Meeting
held on 16th October 2007
in North Ferriby Village Hall

Present: Brian Bannister
John Halmshaw
Jean and Ernest Henderson
John Pickering
Margaret and Chris Swindin
Mandy Ulliott
Margaret and Arthur Winn

John Halmshaw welcomed the attendees. He explained that after the Public Meeting on the 19th September, the Parish Council had voted to support the production of a Parish Plan. He handed around extracts from the Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council's presentation on parish plans and explained that the goal of the meeting was to set up the Steering Group and start planning the way forward.

Some preliminary issues were identified, including the need for Drs. Robertson and Maguet's surgery to be retained, for improved public transport links, and for affordable housing to increase the number of young families in the village. John Pickering mentioned the Village Appraisal which had been conducted some fifteen years previously, for which a questionnaire had been delivered to every household in the village and which had produced a good response, although the distribution, collection and analysis procedures had been onerous.

It was agreed that a questionnaire would probably be the most effective initial means of consultation and Chris Swindin suggested obtaining examples of questionnaires used as the basis for other parish plans. These could probably be provided by the HWRCC, together with their Parish Plan Toolkit, which would be very helpful in the whole nine-step plan development process. We also needed examples of the constitutions of other steering groups; John Halmshaw offered to obtain these documents from Peter Hirschfeld, and to invite him to attend the next meeting of the Steering Group on either Tuesday 30th October or Tuesday 6th November.

Discussion ensued about funding for the questionnaire, possible sources being identified as the Parish Council or sponsorship by a local business, prior to successful applications for grants being made. There was also discussion around recipients of the questionnaires (households, businesses, school/s, youth organisations and village associations) and methods of publicising the process. It was noted that each category might well require a customised form of consultation.

Chris Swindin reminded the group that it needed to appoint officers, and Brian Bannister suggested that John Halmshaw should chair it. Margaret Swindin was suggested as Secretary, and Mandy Ulliott offered to act as Treasurer. These nominations were unanimously approved.

After the meeting closed a brief article was composed for insertion in the November issue of "About Ferriby".

Members would be notified of the next meeting as soon as a suitable date had been identified with Peter Hirschfeld. *(Post-meeting note: it has now been confirmed that Peter Hirschfeld cannot make these dates and the meeting has therefore been arranged for **Thursday, 8th November**, at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall).*

Margaret Swindin, Hon. Sec.