

MEETING NOTES WARSOP VALE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
23RD JUNE 2011
MALCOLM SARGISON RESOURCE CENTRE

Present: see attendance list

In Attendance: Carol Avison (CA) Community Participation Officer MVMP
Rosemary Whitehouse (RW) Planning & Development Manager MVMP
Cllr John Kerr (JK) Mansfield District Council
Cllr Peter Crawford (PC) Mansfield District Council
Cllr Stuart Moody (SM) Warsop Parish Council

Item

Action

1. Welcome & Introductions

Kay Brewin (KB) trustee of the Warsop Vale Village Association chaired the meeting and introductions were made and thanked everyone for coming.

2. Apologies

Mark Anslow LHA-ASRA

3. Feedback on the consultation event 2nd June 2011

RW handed out a feedback sheet with the results of the consultation event on 2nd June. At that event 54 people had attended and 34 questionnaires completed. As a result 23 people had expressed an interest in becoming involved in forming a trust, many of whom were at the meeting.

RW said that whilst there were concerns about the need for more bungalows in the village, parking issues around North Street and concerns over the tenants of the proposed houses, generally most people were in favour of the trust. It was recognised it was a good idea, there was a need for housing for young people, the land needs tidying up and it would give the villagers a real say and benefit.

A discussion took place on previous proposals for the North Street land which had not materialised due to the fall in land values in 2008. RW explained that the Homes & Communities Agency owned the land off North Street and MVMP owned the land next to the Sargison Centre.

Both organisations would put the land into the new trust, as well as considerable funding, and LHA-ASRA would borrow money to build the houses.

Residents raised concerns that the lettings for the new homes would have to go through the usual channels at Moveahead and they would have no say over who came into the village. JK said that going through the trust would bypass the council procedures and the trustees could set their own criteria for who they let properties to.

One resident commented that a plan was shown without any input from residents on the design; layout and type of property and that would have been preferable. RW stated that the no planning application had been made yet and that it was a proposal that was presented on the 2nd June. If the villagers want to come up with another option and present it then there is still time.

4. Planning Application

As stated there is no planning application as yet. RW has a meeting with LHA-ASRA next week, and comments from the consultation will be discussed and taken into account. LHA-ASRA is carrying out surveys and people may see someone on site boring holes and taking samples to test the drainage on 29th June.

RW said that she would raise the parking issues and bungalows at the meeting next week.

Feedback from the consultation event will also be submitted with the plans when they are submitted to MDC planners.

5. Forming the Trust

CA explained that she had spoken to the Warsop Vale Villages Association prior to the meeting and that as their charitable aims cover anything that will benefit the village; they had agreed to form a sub group of their organisation in order to get the trust moving. It may be that at a later date a new committee and organisation would need to be set up but at present this would help to get the bank account open and apply for funding quite quickly.

CA said that funding was available from the Tudor Trust via the Community Land Trust (CLT) Network, which is a national support body. There were three stages of funding available and the first lot would help to bring in the services of an expert in the field who could help the group become organised. RW had met Blaise Lambert who is such an expert, and he is willing to get involved.

It was agreed that CA meet the trustees next week to complete forms and start the process.

CA also gave out information on a CLT event in which interested people could go for the day and find out more. CA asked all those who were interested to let Sue know at the Sargison centre, and CA

would book places for everyone. It was agreed that the community mini bus could be used.

It was agreed that meeting notes would be available at the Sargison centre and placed in the notice board outside so that anyone could see them and decide if they want to get involved.

6. Any other business

No other business was raised.

7. Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting would be on 18th August, 6.30 pm at the Malcolm Sargison Resource Centre.