



## Notes of the Littlecombe Liaison Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Vale Vision Office

1. **Present:** Jane Ball (JB), Dursley Town Council, Dennis Andrewartha (DA), Cam Parish Council/GCC, Ian Coggon (IC) GCC, Rupert Joseland (RJ), St. Modwen, Peter Gilbert (PG), SDC, James Watt (SWRDA), Angela Presdee (AP), (Glos.1st), Shirley Hill (SH), Vale Vision, Bob Littleford (BL), Vale Vision, Geoff Wheeler (GW), Vale Vision

2. **Apologies:** Robert Smith, Gideon Darley

3. **Matters Arising:**

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted. RJ said that obtaining the employment numbers was in hand.

4. **Littlecombe site update (RJ):**

**Zones A1 & A2:** - Bloor's have commenced on site. Show home will soon be underway with viewing by September. Bloor's are optimistic regarding residential market. Need to review ratio of property types. This would need new planning application; framework document should cover requirements.

**RJ to talk to SDC.**

With a local population of 20,000 DA asked should we not be reviewing thoughts on leisure activities e.g. a cinema. RJ said that he would not wish to change zones, but land could be made available.

**RJ to make enquiries.**

Footpaths and footbridges to be part of Zone A development. Local objector advised to contact Secretary of State.

**Zone B:** - Seven small units now sold, with three under offer and two other parties interested. Deutz intention is to relocate to Germany. Discussions with Lister Petter and Lister Shearing continue; difficulty is with fit out costs. JW said that there were state aid issues to be addressed with budgets being reviewed.

**Zone F:** - The village green issue has an impact on the new road. Benches are being stored. It is not common land but private land owned by the RDA. DA reminded members that during three years of consultation there had been no objections. RJ had considered fencing off the land but did not wish to inflame the situation. **JB said that the Town Council would offer to facilitate a meeting between the parties (but not a public meeting).**

**Drake House:** - Stroud College appears to be satisfied with current arrangements.

**Construction Skills Centre:** -Planning Permission in place but Stroud College are waiting to hear from the Learning & Skills Centre regarding funding.

**Health:** - DA said that PCT are in talks with GCC re Norman Hill site with Draycott being second choice.

**Roads:** -Work at Church Rd/ Kingshill Lane junction to be carried out by St Modwen. The traffic lights at top of Kingshill Lane are to be installed when the spine road is opened.

## 5. Vale Vision Report

**Cycle-way:** -BL reported that the specification for Zone A had been received and understood that this specification would be common across the Littlecombe site. A Planning Application has been submitted for the Draycott site in Cam which includes facilities for the cycle-way.

**Lister Hall:** - GW explained that the intention is to create a charitable company, limited by guarantee for the whole Lister Club and Hall site. There will be separate management committees for the club and for the rest of the site. The hall is a candidate for some of the £350,000 Section 106 funds for community facilities from the Littlecombe development.

### Town Centre

Sainsbury's work is temporarily halted due to ground problems and improvements to green credentials. They are looking to return to site in the autumn. The footpath connectivity between the store and Littlecombe has been looked at.

### Business Forum

Set up following the demise of the Chamber of Commerce but covers a wider area of the locality. Business breakfasts are most popular. Financial support has been given by Magnox. Speakers have been from Sainsbury's, Stroud College and St Modwen. Future programme speakers are David Drew and the PCT. Provides opportunities for networking with members having one minute to talk about their company. Looking to provide visits to local companies.

### Sculpture Trail/ Breakheart Quarry

This is proving to be very successful. There are twelve groups making new works for the July re-launch. Signage has been improved, as has the trail pathway. VV is looking to connect to the quarry by a pathway.

The Quarry (50 acres) is owned by the NDA. A Heads of Terms agreement is in hand and a new company formed. The intention is to keep the area open to the public for study purposes; as an interpretation centre and for walking and motor cycle trials.

## 6. Public Relations

The Vale Vision shop window displays are very effective, with a good response from the public. The VV website needs to be updated.

## 7. A.O.B.

IC stated that was intended to keep the temporary car park for the foreseeable future as it is well used. It was recommended that Vicky Hancock carry out a review of the town centre car parks and publicise the arrangements. PG to ask Alison Fisk if there are any issues with regards to the car parks.

**Urgent. Action PG**

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## 8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009, 10.00am at the Vale Vision office, 28, Long Street, Dursley  
**(changed to Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July)**