



Notes of the Littlecombe Liaison Meeting

30th July 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), Shirley Hill (SH), Vale Vision, Bob Littleford (BL), Vale Vision, Geoff Wheeler (GW), Vale Vision

2. **Apologies:** Gideon Darley (SDC)

3. **Matters Arising:**

The notes of the previous meeting were accepted. RJ was thanked for providing copies of the overlaid masterplan for the Littlecombe site and the Long Street residents' application to register the grass area as a village green.

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

Zones A1 & A2:

Work on the show houses in the area under construction by Bloors and marketing was making good progress. An objector was still actively pursuing the footpath diversions. DA said that this should be borne in mind when further developments were planned.

BL mentioned that there had been a rise in traffic coming away from the site using Everlands and Cam Hopton Road. **RJ/IC would discuss with Bloors putting up 'No Construction Traffic' signs as appropriate**

Zone B:

13 of the 16 units for small/medium-size businesses had been sold or were under offer. There was no further progress regarding the move of either Lister-Petter or Lister Shearing to the industrial zone. JW added that no further funding was available currently to assist the firms' re-location.

The site for the new community hospital was still being considered by the PCT. It could be accommodated on the Littlecombe site

Zone F:

The development of this area was not being pursued currently. Further thought would be needed on this area, particularly if highway alignment if the village green proposal was successful.

Drake House:

Vacant space in Drake House was still being marketed.

Other Zones:

Thought was being given to bringing forward housing development in other areas before the central zones were clear.

PG asked about employment numbers on the site. **RJ agreed to provide these.**

5. Vale Vision Report

Cycle-way:

Following the successful planning application for the Draycott site, section 106 funds would secure the route of the cycle way from Box Road through the new industrial zone. DA said that if approved a further development in Cam High Street could yield £20,000 for the cycle way.

Lister Hall:

An application had been made to Companies House to register a company limited by guarantee, 'The Chantry Centre', that would also become a charity. The new community organisation would take over the ownership and management of the Lister Club & Hall, with separate management bodies for the club and hall areas. A trading company for the charity would be formed to manage the bar.

Town Centre

Work on the Sainsbury's supermarket in Castle Street was due to re-start in the autumn. Plans to renovate the area around the Market Place were progressing with a planned start date either in the autumn, or to avoid disruption to shops pre-Christmas in January. The footways between the supermarket and Market Place would share a common paving design.

Business Forum

The PCT had presented an outline design for the new hospital. Members commented that the design did not make a very efficient use of the land.

Sculpture Trail/ Breakheart Quarry

The Sculpture Trail had been re-launched in July with the additions of a dozen new artefacts, with a reasonable attendance. The Trail is proving to be a good attraction throughout the year.

6. Public Relations

The next edition of the Vale Vision Newsletter would be issued in the autumn. GW would send a draft of the item on Littlecombe to RJ for comment.

7. A.O.B.

An extension would be sought for the long-stay car park in Zone F, behind Long Street.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st October 2009

(changed to Tuesday, 27th October, 2.0pm at the Vale Vision office, Long Street, Dursley)