



## **Notes of the Littlecombe Liaison Meeting**

**27th October 2009 at the Vale Vision Office**

- 1. Present:** Rupert Joseland (RJ), St. Modwen, Rachel Small (RS), SDC, Bob Littleford (BL), Vale Vision, Geoff Wheeler (GW), Vale Vision
- 2. Apologies:** Jane Ball, Dursley Town Council, Ian Coggon, GCC, Peter Gilbert, SDC, Shirley Hill, Vale Vision, James Watt (SWRDA)  
It was noted that the SWRDA had appointed a new person to be responsible for the Littlecombe site.
- 3. Matters Arising:**  
The notes of the previous meeting were accepted.
  - (i) Signs to direct construction vehicles away from the Bloors site had been erected.
  - (ii) Questionnaires for the SMEs in the Industrial zone on employment numbers has been sent to each business, but none had been returned yet. **RS to check.**

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

#### **Zones A1 & A2:**

30 houses were under construction in the Bloors development; 5 had been sold.

#### **Zone B:**

In the industrial zone 10 units were occupied, 3 under offer, and 3 were vacant. There had been incidents of vandalism and security guards were being employed. RS suggested that the SDC Neighbourhood Wardens could keep a watch on the site out of hours. (contact: Phil Sullivan, SDC). RJ said that it would be useful to involve students at Rednock school in the development of the area, perhaps through designing information boards.

There had been no further progress in the moves of Lister-Petter and Lister Shearing on the site.

The local PCT had chosen Littlecombe as the preferred site for the new community hospital. The hospital would occupy 3.5 acres near to the site entrance from Kingshill Lane and open in 2012. GW mentioned that the traffic and transport implications need to be carefully considered: should the planned traffic lights at the junction of Kingshill Lane and Kingshill Lane, and the modified junction to Everlands, be brought forward. As there would be no buses to the site before the relief road was fully constructed would special public transport arrangements be considered?

#### **Zone F:**

The action by residents to register the green area at the bottom of Long Street as a Village Green had not yet been resolved. No further development would take place until then. The long stay car parking area would stay in place until the completion of the Sainsbury's supermarket and car park expected in Spring 2010.

#### **Drake House:**

Vacant space in Drake House was still being marketed. Stroud College was negotiating to extend the use of the building for adult learning facilities.

## **5. Vale Vision Report**

### **Cycle-way:**

A start had been made to the construction of the cycle way through the Bloor housing site. Other parts would be constructed as the areas were developed.

### **The Chantry Centre:**

A company limited by guarantee had been registered to take over the management and operations of the Lister Club and Hall in early 2010. Charity status was also being sought for the company. Plans were advanced for renovation and modifications to the exterior of the building and a planning application would be made soon. Stroud District Council had been asked about the possibility of bringing forward a part payment of the section 106 funds for community facilities in order to start the necessary work; the Council would need to liaise with St Modwen on the stage payments.

### **Town Centre**

RS said that quotes were being sought for the paving scheme around the Market Place with work to start in January 2010. Since the paving would fit the same pattern as that on the Castle Street footways leading from Sainsbury's it would be useful if the same contractor could do both.

### **Business Forum**

Representatives from Sainsbury's would attend at the October meeting to give an update on the supermarket construction.

## **6. Public Relations**

The next edition of the Vale Vision Newsletter would be issued in November.

## **7. A.O.B.**

It had been suggested that the business of the Littlecombe Liaison Meeting could be included in the GL11 Stakeholders meeting. This would be discussed at their next meeting

## **8. Next Meeting**

To be considered after the GL11 Stakeholder meeting discussion.