

**Minutes of the East Leake Community Action Plan Group held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at  
7 pm at East Leake Parish Office**

Present: Jenny de Villiers Chair/Neighbourhood Watch  
 Vicenta Rose Resident/Secretary (minutes)  
 Neil Lambert Clerk to the Parish Council  
 Lesley Way Resident  
 Steve Perriman Resident  
 Julie Love Business Owner  
 Carys Thomas Parish Council  
 Kevin Shaw Parish Council  
 Doris Elcock Resident/Community Care  
 Craig Baldwin Business Owner

Item Number	Agenda Item	Action
1.	<p><b>Apologies and Acknowledgements</b>            Apologies from: Conrad Oatey, Felicity Rose and Donna Griggs</p> <p>Welcome back to Steve Perriman.</p> <p>Welcome to Neil Lambert the new Clerk to the Parish Council who joined us for the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b>            None</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>            Approved as a true and accurate record. Vicenta to arrange for them to be uploaded to the village website.</p>	Vicenta
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <b>Review of our successes (including the Meet Your Village event) &amp; way forward</b>            All agreed that the Meet Your Village event held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 was very successful with excellent feedback from everyone who attended and was involved. An estimated 300 to 400 people attended plus “exhibitors” Thanks was placed on record to everyone involved in organising the event and their hard work was recognised.</p> <p>Several organisations reported recruiting additional members from the event. For example Friends of Meadow Park recruited 11 new members and Neighbourhood Watch had a great success in new schemes being set up especially on the new housing estates. The local estate agents have been very supportive in promoting it to new residents.</p>	

	<p>Feedback from attendees was very positive both from new and established residents. Although the idea for the event was born from raising awareness of what's available in the village to new residents, many established residents who have lived here a long time commented that they discovered something they weren't aware of.</p> <p>Agreed to run the event again in Spring 2018. Will dedicate a large portion of the next meeting to discussing the format.</p> <p>A discussion took place about the future of this group and whether it should cease, continue as before or change focus. It was agreed that it would be a shame to fold the group now as we have achieved a lot and we work well in partnership with the Parish Council. The support from the Parish Council is invaluable and the group is a useful conduit to get some things achieved – more than individuals could alone in some instances. Lesley had produced a really useful display for the Meet Your Village event entitled “You said .....We did” which highlighted some of the key issues from the survey/action plan and what had been achieved to address them. It was agreed that we would focus our efforts on one or two specific items e.g. environment, young people to give them some impetus. To be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Giving and getting active at 55+</b> The group had previously agreed to support an initiative called “Giving and getting active at 55+” which is a funding bid led by a resident and fits with the health and sports sections of our action plan. Feedback awaited on the success of the funding bit.</p> <p><b>Petition for a new zebra crossing</b> Vicenta had earlier circulated a petition organised by a local resident for an additional zebra crossing from Brookside/the Pinfold across Main Street to Manor Farm Meadow as she was concerned about the safety of young children crossing that road and the speed that cars travel along that section. 870 signatures had been collected which is a very good number and the petition is being submitted to Cllr Andrew Brown as he had offered to present it at the July meeting of Nottinghamshire County Council. We know from previous experience of the current crossing outside the Co-operative store/Studio 83 that it can take a while to effect so it was agreed to re-advertise for a lollipop person in the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter. It has been a number of years since there was a lollipop person at that crossing and recruitment has been difficult.</p> <p>Kevin confirmed that sadly the Village Show will not run in 2017 due to a lack of volunteers to help organise it.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Carys</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Implementing the Action Plan</b></p> <p><b><u>Business</u></b></p> <p>Very good feedback from the Traders on the Meet Your Village event. The Traders Association is still very active. Packs are put together for the new housing developments. Could include community organisations e.g. Neighbourhood Watch. There's high demand for retail units in the village with a waiting list for shops to become available.</p> <p>Neil updated the meeting on the Growth Board which is a new Government initiative for economic development. This will commence locally once the cabinet member at Rushcliffe Borough Council for trade and economy has been appointed. Has funding attached.</p> <p>Craig reported that generally the retail trade has been hit hard and was about 10 to 15% down on last year. Political and economic uncertainty along with the rise of internet shopping has probably had an impact. Important to shop local to keep local businesses alive.</p> <p><b><u>Where We Live - Planning and Housing</u></b></p> <p>Planning applications for two large developments in the village on Lantern Lane and Rempstone Road have been rejected by Rushcliffe Borough Council. The Parish Council has been heartened by the response from residents in relation to these planning applications as they have mobilised and given lots of comments and feedback which will have had an impact on the decision.</p> <p>The Parish Council has met with Rushcliffe Borough Council to ensure that they adhere to the Neighbourhood Plan policies. There is a proposed development in Costock which includes the use of East Leake's infrastructure for it. Feedback has been given about it being a different community and the ability of East Leake's infrastructure to support it. Feedback on the Neighbourhood Plan and consultations will be included in the Parish Council Newsletter to encourage more people to comment and take an interest.</p> <p><b><u>Our Surroundings - Environment</u></b></p> <p>Good news about the bee-eaters (rare birds) settling at the CEMEX quarry site which is as a result of 20 years of partnership working between Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and the quarry to create a wildlife habitat. Attracting a lot of visitors to the area.</p> <p>There are plans to concrete the banks of the fords on Sheep Plank Lane which is causing concern that it will increase vehicle traffic from people using it as a short cut from Costock Road to Lantern lane. Would like to see it used as a footpath and cycle track as well as bridleway. Carys is going to check the situation.</p> <p><b><u>Looking After Ourselves &amp; Each Other - Health and Social Care</u></b></p> <p>Conrad sent an update prior to the meeting that various options for the health centre are being looked at with a consultant but that positive news is unlikely to be forthcoming in the near future as it is a long process.</p>	<p>Carys</p>
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8	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> Carys reports that there is going to be a trim trail at the top of the new Woodgate estate by the country park. Been landscaped. The Parish Council are working with the developers to put in a footpath to West Leake. There now a community orchard there.</p> <p>Steve suggested that the group could consider doing more to promote the heritage of the village and what there is to see in the village e.g. a heritage trail. Could work with the Local History Society.</p> <p>Neil is looking to put together a calendar of events for the village to promote them so please let him know of any events.</p>	
9	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting to plan the “Meet Your Village” event</u></b></p> <p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7 pm in the Parish Council Chamber</p>	