NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Steering Group Plenary meeting, April 11, 2014, Wraysbury Village Hall

Present: Andrew Davies, Samantha Rayner, Eileen Coogan, Diana Hughes, Gordon Hall, Margaret Lenton, Peter Lord, – From RBWM: Phil Gill (Planning Officer).
Apologies: Colin Rayner, David Martin

AD reported on the visit to the town hall by some Steering Group members for a presentation on how to produce a neighbourhood plan. It was enlightening and we have gained some good ideas from it.
 He also reported that the application for a grant has been put in, we would be looking for around £7,000.

 AD said that we need to move towards setting out our visions and objectives.
 FP said he had designed an idea for a Vision Statement and this was circulated to the meeting. He said the vision statement was an overview of our aspirations covering the various topics.
 He also gave out an idea for key objectives which could form a questionnaire for each Topic group to put to the public consultation.

 Committee then discussed some ideas for the survey and how best to gather the data. There should be various routes to survey the public - at gatherings, use of internet, RBWM's Survey Monkey, and a leaflet to each household.
 PL said online survey with help is perhaps the best method as paper responses need work to put them into the system. Those without home internet could use the mobile library to go online.
 AD said he hoped we could prepare to have our consultation sometime mid-summer.

 DH added some further points to her comprehensive paper on Housing, while some work on Environment has been undertaken by Phil Jackson, covering the lakes, footpaths, flooding, and an idea of a Magna Carta country park. Among suggestions of public questions is 'should the environs of the Thames and Colne Brook be recognised and protected by policies in the Neighbourhood Plan?'

 AD suggested that perhaps setting up a conservation area might be possible.
 PG said that a conservation area can only be set up by the borough - but your NPlan can stipulate what can take place there.

 PG suggested that there are some things you want to achieve that can be gained through the NPlan. But you could achieve your 'projects' in other ways – say through other bodies.