

LITTLE MUNDEN PARISH COUNCIL.

Parish Plan – Youth projects. First meeting held on Tuesday 15th. Feb 2011. @ Memorial Hall, Dane End.

Brief Outline Notes taken on discussions held.

There were 3 teenagers and 15 adults present + Cllrs: L.Bacon, J.MacIntosh & D. Metcalf.

David Metcalf (Chairman of LMPC) took the chair (temporarily) with Cllr. Lizzie Bacon.

Discussions during the meeting were enthusiastic and well considered, all those present had a genuine wish to get youth projects underway in the Parish. Strong comment was made on the lack of any existing amenities. Kevin Davis commented on the support & facilities given to young children, then suddenly teenagers seem to be shunned and ignored.

Following topics were discussed:

1. Can the Parish plan please be entered onto the web site. Cllr Pool to be asked to send details thru' to Carol Bartels.
2. Existing surface at basket ball hoop virtually unusable, can a new tarmac surface be laid?
3. Lengthy discussions took place on a 'half-pipe' skate board ramp. Teenagers present said that sunken concrete ramps not a patch on raised steel ramps, these can also have a shelter built in under the platform ends!
4. Discussions took place as to best location for ramps – Horses Meadow ideal. Would planning permission be needed – this to be checked on (GS)
5. Long discussions on a youth club/meeting place, Memorial Hall will not be available for any help to project other than meetings. New building may at some stage be required. Meeting was disappointed at this.
6. Land behind Memorial Hall owned by East Herts DC, perhaps a new youth/parish orientated building could go here?
7. Could the church supply a meeting place for village youth perhaps once a week? Hertford Churches have a youth bus, could this be contacted?
8. Financing was discussed at length, various avenues could be followed for grants, suggested were Leaf Fund, Children targeted services fund, Youth connections in community services – County hall, Hertscounty site – youth services/grants. Fund raising idea's were also discussed as was some financial help from LMPC funds.

It was felt that best contact could be kept with all present via "e-mail" list for the adults (addresses obtained) and for the teenagers they would keep in their own contact via text messages on their phones. NO e-mail addresses for teenagers were retained. Also to be used would be the newsletter to try and spread the word further.

It was decided to set up two committees, one a youth council, this would be proceeded with by teenagers present. An initial adult committee was inaugurated consisting of: Jim Hyland, Kevin Davis, Sandy Davis, Tony Bartels, Liz Bacon & David Metcalf. The next meeting would be held at the same venue on the 15th. March. David Metcalf thanked all those present for attending.