

## Minutes from the Inaugural Parish Plan Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> January 1012

- The meeting had been convened by Sam Patterson and Geoff Forward ( HPC). 25 plus people attended the meeting including members from many local organisations as well as John Stanton and Gordon Craig (SDC), 2 representatives from Hamfallow PC, and Jim Wright with multiple allegiances. Nick Worthington (British Waterways ) sent his apologies.
- The meeting was opened by Sam Paterson who welcomed everybody and gave the overall aims of the Plan.
- ElinTattersall from the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) who have been involved in the preparation of numerous plans in the past then gave a presentation on how to construct a plan. Currently there are 42 Plans constructed or in the process of construction in Gloucestershire. About 11 plans remain to be started.
- Elin made it clear that preparation of Parish Plans had evolved over the years becoming more practical documents which may in some cases take only 9 months to complete rather than the encyclopaedic versions of the past. It was important to decide the time frame which it covers ( 5 or 10 Years?)
- Other advice included to record the audit trail for any surveys as this data is useful for generating the Plan and also consider the positives of living in the Parish as well as the negatives.
- Elin would remain in contact with the plan and was willing to put aside 20 hours of her time to this end. There were also a free data analysis service available and she also advised of up to £500 support being available, up to the end on February 2012, from Stroud District Council to support new plans. This will be explored further – Action Geoff Forward and Elin Tattersall.
- Elin was most impressed with the number of people present describing the number as “phenomenal”. During discussion the point was made that this Plan presented an ideal opportunity to build a community spirit and common purpose in the Parish area and this would be explored further.
- It was agreed to reconvene at 7.00 pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February in Sharpness Village Hall. In the meantime the representatives would go back to their own groups and discuss how they want to be involved in the plan (Steering Group or other) as well as draw up a list of topics which their group wants to be included in the Plan. These topics will then be coordinated into common themes at the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb meeting. Action All Representatives.