UDIMORE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 19th September 2012 at 6:30 pm in Udimore Community Hall

Appendix 1

Report on agenda item 5, Local Action Plan Review

Councillor Leahy reported that he had discussed all ten action points with the relevant named person. Progress was as follows:-

Traffic and Transport

Action 1 – Reduce speed and noise on the B2089

The Parish Council continues to press ESCC Highways for improvements to the B2089, its junctions and side roads. This work is on-going.

Action 2 – Restore train services and car park at Winchelsea station

There have been some improvements to the service, which stops at Winchelsea every two hours, although not on Sundays. It has not been possible to restore the car park. Liaison with the relevant parties continues to further improve the service.

Natural Environment

Action 3 – Form a Udimore Wildlife Group

KD now chairs this group, which has sixty members. The group is enthusiastic and thriving and holds a variety of events. It continues to progress actions 4&5 below.

Action 4 – Produce a bio-diversity plan

See action 3 above

Action 5 – Community tree and flower planting

See action 3 above

Action 6 – Create a map of footpaths and permissive paths within the parish and ensure they are well marked

DL is making progress and has checked the accuracy of the ESCC provided map. He is working towards producing a new printed map for circulation to local outlets.

Communications

Action 7 – create a village website advising villagers of Parish Council matters, including planning applications; local news and events in the village; meetings of interest groups; bus and train and tide timetables; maps of footpaths.

www.udimore.org is operational.

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Community Support

Action 8 – Explore the support in the village for developing the current Neighbourhood care Scheme, or to form a complementary scheme, or to discuss other ways to help those in need, especially older isolated people.

Nothing to report.

Interest Groups

Action 9 – develop the existing historical website with a view to researching and recording the history of Udimore

An historical photographic exhibition was mounted in the Village Hall during June 2012. This brought new contributions to light; the complicated history of the mediaeval manor house, Court Lodge, has been further unravelled. A range of images and reports has been gathered together. A map hanging on the wall of a local farmhouse proved not to be Victorian as first thought, but to date from the 1720s which should open further windows into a little know period of Udimore's history. Bob Turgoose and Harold Moores are planning a visit to the county archive to examine a manorial survey from 1597. Material will shortly be entered onto the website www.udimorehistory.org

Action 9 – Form a club/society for keen gardeners to meet with a view to sharing and furthering their knowledge of horticulture.

Udimore gardeners group was established in 2010. There are forty members and are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, which provides information and insurance. Programmes of events have been organised each year with those planned for 2012 being:

- A talk on using pigs for gardening
- A talk on gardeners that have inspired me
- A visit to Brogdale gardens- guided tour and apple tasting
- A talk on structure in gardens

Young residents' facilities

Action 10 – Enhance the village playground by the provision of additional equipment and improved facilities.

Completed in July 2011