

**SWALLOWCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL
ACTION NOTES VILLAGE PLAN WORKSHOP**
held at
Swallowcliffe Village Hall
on
Thursday 24 June 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. G Ewer (Chairman Swallowcliffe PC) (GE)
Cllr. D Atkins (DA)
Cllr. J Porter-Wright (JPW)
Cllr. D Bright (DB)
28 Parishioners

In Attendance: Mrs B Ford – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Mrs Brudenell-Dale; Mr & Mrs Fitzgerald; Mr & Mrs Grant; Mr & Mrs Jones

<u>Part 1. Welcome and Introduction by the Swallowcliffe Parish Council Chairman</u>	<u>Action</u>
<p>The Chairman welcomed all those attending: the number attending reflected the strong interest in the matters to be considered. He explained that the evening would take the form of a Workshop. He would introduce the concept, after which those attending would break out into smaller discussion groups to put forward their ideas for subjects for inclusion in a Village Plan and the relative weighting to be given to each. Each group would present briefly before a summary by the Chairman at the end of the meeting</p> <p>The Chairman gave a 15 minute introduction to the purposes and format of a Village Plan using the slides attached. He stressed its complementary nature to the Village Design statement, notwithstanding its different purpose</p>	
<p><u>Part 2 Break Out Sessions</u></p> <p>Those attending broke up into 5 discussion groups: they considered four starter papers covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure; • Local Services; • Community; and, • Village Character. <p>Each group added further issues it felt important as well as removing perceived low priorities. Large paper sheets were used to record the points each group considered important: these were used to draw together key points at the end of the Workshop</p> <p>The original papers have been retained by the Parish Council for reference when drawing up the first Village Plan</p>	PC Clerk

<p><u>Part 3 Outcomes of the Break Out Sessions</u></p> <p>Common issues and priorities quickly emerged as each group presented its key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community - The importance of the Church in the village community, alongside the Village Hall and the Royal Oak; • Infrastructure - The high priority accorded by all to improving broadband and electronic communication generally; • Village Services - The fundamental importance of the Parish Steward and the importance of road maintenance; • Community – the need to play a full part in the wider local community, in particular in Tisbury, to maintain service such as local buses, and Tisbury Sports Centre; • Development – the need for proportionate development in keeping with the South Wiltshire Strategic Plan, (which foresees only limited infill in the Nadder Valley villages), and the Village Design Statement, taking matters on their merits as they arise. 	All
<p><u>Part 4 The Way Ahead</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked those attending for their enthusiastic and thoughtful contributions which would be invaluable for the next stage. The next steps would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short set of action notes to record the major points arising from the Workshop; • Preparation of a first Village Plan for consideration and adoption by the Parish Council at its next meeting on Tuesday 21 September 2010 at 7.00pm; • This Village Plan would become a working document for development as the Parish Council gained experience in use. It would be reviewed at each meeting and, in particular, would form part of the Agenda for the Village Annual Meeting in April; and, • He encouraged villagers to attend the Parish Council's meetings so they might contribute their views. <p>The Chairman covered a number of routine matters, including forthcoming consultations on household rubbish collections, and harmonising parking charges across Wiltshire, which were important opportunities for people to express a view before closing the Workshop at 9.00pm</p>	GE All

Graham A. Ewer CB CBE
Chairman

2 July 2010

Attachments:

1. Village Plan Slides