

OUTPUT FROM SECOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY PLAN MEETING: 27TH JUNE 2019.

1. We had a very productive meeting for a couple of hours on the evening of 27/6/19, twenty five Villagers attended. The purpose was to discuss the consolidated output from the previous meeting held in February, along with any progress which has been made in the interim and agree how to take things forward.
2. Bob welcomed everyone and briefly summarised the output from our previous discussions which had been circulated to all before the meeting. The key areas where detailed comments had been made were:
 - Roads and Traffic.
 - Village amenities and appearance.
 - Communications.
 - Village Hall.
 - Parish Council.
 - Church.
3. Improved COMMUNICATIONS were seen as fundamental in helping people be aware of, and contribute to, what was happening. With help from Yvonne and Hilary, Scott has done a lot of good work in developing a village website www.calderbridgeandponsonby.co.uk , we intend to use this as a tool to let people find out about their village and what is happening. We don't intend to carry on with expensive and time consuming routine paper mail drops.
4. On ROADS the Parish Council have again tried to promote safe and considerate driving on Cold Fell and have been trying to mitigate the effects in the Village of both new access restrictions at Sellafield and the sustained strike action by Mitie employees. We have engaged with our County Councillor on issues with the A595 through the village and in particular traffic speed. Improvements have been hampered by lack of council funds, shortage of Council and Police resources and a lack of relative priority because, to date, no one has been killed or seriously injured in the Village. Given the speed at which some motorists drive through the Village no one is prepared to accept this as an excuse for doing nothing and a group focussing on this issue in a sustained manner will be a key part of our Community plan.
5. On APPEARANCE and AMENITIES efforts have focussed on routine grass cutting, finalising plans to clear out the shrubberies in the Village and at Ponsonby Road end, ensuring the recycling facilities are kept tidy, maintaining play equipment, litter picking plans and taking ownership of the phone box. This is another area where sustained effort by a few people can bring quick rewards.
6. The VILLAGE HALL continues to provide an excellent facility which enables others in the Community to pursue their interests and activities at a subsidised rate. The Committee's focus is to improve and sustain the facility into the future, they have recently about £10,000 in improving drainage and now need to replace the wall bounding the playing field.
7. The PARISH COUNCIL have continued with their routine business of Planning, grass cutting etc in addition to promoting the production of this Community plan. Their key focus will be to support our community in to the future.
8. No one at the meeting could provide an update on the current position and future outlook for the CHURCH. It would be useful if the Church could take a page in the Community plan to give brief details of their plans for the future. This would allow our Community to understand what was happening and why and whether they could comment or help.

9. The meeting then decided that their priority was to split into two groups, one dealing with ROADS / TRANSPORT and one with APPEARANCE / AMENITIES. At this stage improved communications seemed to be evolving nicely and the meeting didn't think a separate group was needed to take it forward. Each of these groups held discussions for about an half an hour and each agreed when and where they would meet in the future to take things forward.
10. The idea is for each Group to discuss what they would like to do and get back together with the other group to pool ideas and agree priorities and how central issues such as funding can be approached. In parallel we will approach the Village Hall, Parish Council and Church to ask them to do likewise. Once a more complete plan is available we will call a Village meeting to share our ideas and seek comments. We will try and use they draft outline plan attached to see if it works.
11. If anyone wants to join or contribute to the teams then feel free to contact either myself or Yvonne Tilson (Roads/Transport) or Tony McCulley (Appearance/Amenities)

Best regards,

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