

## REPORT TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 –

### • **Regeneration Working Group – Signage Survey – Opinion Survey on Traffic related Matters.**

- A meeting of the Working Group took place on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm at the Council Offices. *Please see attached draft minutes.*
- I as Chairman of the Regeneration Working Group would like to express my satisfaction with the progress being made by the Traffic Sub-Group Chaired by John White. The members of the sub-group have done a magnificent job and their work on the Signage Survey was shown by Andrew Wade to the Working Group. *Please refer to the attached draft minutes for the conclusions of the Signage Survey.*
- Dave Moss -a member of the Traffic Sub-group- together with the Chairman has followed the necessary steps to conduct an Opinion Survey on Traffic Related Issues. Dave Moss informed the group that the survey would take place between October and December 2018, and would involve the general public, business community, King's School 6<sup>th</sup> Form and a selection of nation and regional agencies. *Please refer to the attached leaflet of the public survey.*
- At the moment of producing this report we have got confirmation from ONE Media Magazine that the leaflets for the public survey are being delivered to every household in Ottery. Spare leaflets have been produced to be placed at the Council Office, Information Centre and Library, eateries, etc.
- The Chairman has undertaken the responsibility of encouraging residents to respond to the survey by means of The Gazette, Facebook and local newspaper.
- The Business Survey is also ready and shall be printed for distribution this week. An updated list of businesses in town has been produced by John Campion and Jeff Abbott – members of the sub-group- and will be used for the distribution list. The Business Survey will be delivered by hand, posted or distributed via e-mail through the members list of the Business Forum. The Chairman will undertake the responsibility of encouraging businesses to respond to the survey.
- Both the Public and the Business surveys are being published on the Council website giving the residents and business owners also the opportunity to answer using this facility. Liz has volunteered to assist us with collecting and filing all the returning surveys for which we are very grateful.
- We are hoping to be able to produce the results of the survey by end of December or beginning of January.
- *I would kindly request from the members of the Council to fill in the survey and also to encourage other members of the public and business owners to fill in the Public Business Survey. In the present circumstances when we are dealing with the effect the fire and road closure on the traffic through town, it is very important to gather the public opinion.*

### **2. Correspondence with EDDC**

- A positive response has been received from EDDC concerning a future review of Car Park and signage in Ottery. The group would like to have gathered further information before calling for a meeting with representatives of EDDC and DCC.
- DCC has not yet responded.

### **3. Regeneration Group – Matters Arising**

It was recommended that OSM Town Council approach the Neighbourhood Working Group Chair regarding developments.

### **4. Regeneration Working Group – Heritage Conservation Sub-Group**

- The Neighbourhood Plan had identified the need for an Ottery St Mary Heritage Action Group and the Chairman considered that now that the Traffic Sub-Group was well established the time to initiate the Heritage Sub-Group was right.
- Following an article published in the Gazette the following residents have indicated their interest in joining the sub-group and were invited to the meeting: Granville Gilbert from the Heritage Society, June Harvey a resident and Historian, Quentin Bedall from the Heritage Society who unfortunately couldn't attend.
- After the meeting Mr Gilbert and Mrs Harvey confirmed their wish to join.
- The Chairman will call a meeting with the candidates and the Secretary of the Working Group to inform them on the sub-group objectives.
- The Sub-group will be officially formed at the next meeting of the Regeneration Working Group.

## **5. Regeneration Group – Publicity, P. R. and Press**

It has been stressed the need to regularly disseminate information on the group's work in order to keep the community "on board". Therefore a press release has been published in the Sidmouth Herald. Also for the last two months information on the work conducted by the Regeneration Group and its sub-group has appeared on the Gazette, Facebook and the Town Council website.

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been constantly informed of the progress made by the Regeneration Group.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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