



Wilmcote Neighbourhood Planning Group

Quarterly Update No 2

July 2014

General

As you will all know, the planning process started at the end of the last year and the first formal meeting was held on 12th November. Since then the Neighbourhood Planning Group (NPG) have held regular monthly meetings and the sector members have been very active in undertaking research, all in accordance with the Control Plan which can be found on the Parish Council web-site or a paper copy in the Village Shop.

During the last 3 months we held the Second Public Meeting (see notes later) on 26th June, and were most encouraged by the good attendance and participation, with over 80 residents present.

We are now reaching the stage where we will be asking all of you to complete a questionnaire.

Your response to the Questionnaire will be used by an Independent Consultant to assess the wishes of Households and Residents in the Parish of Wilmcote and Pathlow. Your response will be critical in identifying where 75 new homes should be built in the next 20 years and improvements to the village amenities.

Actions since Last Update

The following represents the key actions undertaken during the last quarter:

- a. The principal event was the Public Meeting held on 26th June. This was attended by 82 residents, many thanks to those who attended. The committee gratefully appreciated your feedback and input.
- b. As noted, research has continued to take place by all sector leaders. This has meant meeting institutions and owners of all the key businesses and amenities in the village. From these meetings we have been able to assess their future intentions with regard to development and any restrictions which may affect the selection of new housing sites.
- c. Meetings have also identified areas of concern, where investment may be required to ensure our amenities meet future demands. These issues will be addressed in the questionnaire.
- d. An Environmental sector has been set up and we would like to thank Jamie Perry for taking the lead and Deanna Fernie for offering to help. This sector will cover:

- Ecology Review
- English Heritage
- Natural England
- Archaeological Review
- Environment Agency
- Flood Plains
- Green Corridors
- Warwickshire Direct

- e. Grant application has been made for £7,000. This has been approved and the first instalment of £4,253 has been received for our work in 2014.
- f. Selection of the Independent Consultants has been made, they are:
 - a. David Holmes , Planning Consultant

David will be reviewing the potential sites for new homes in the village and advising which meet the National Planning Guide Lines. The sites that meet these requirements will then be included in the questionnaire.

- b. Simon Purfield, Independent Assessor

Simon is reviewing the draft Questionnaire. He will receive and evaluate your completed Questionnaires on behalf of the NPG.

Public Meeting 26th June

The following are key issues that were discussed at the meeting.

- a. The Chairman gave a 30 minute presentation on progress to date and the reasoning behind developing a Neighbourhood Plan.
- b. Attendees were given the opportunity to identify 3 locations, in order of preference, where they felt new housing could be built. Though this exercise is not part of the formal process it helps the NPG assess a good number of individual's views.
- c. Parking was debated at length. The majority of those who attended felt there is an urgent need for better parking in areas such as the station, for canal users, by the school and the church. The Chairman confirmed that parking forms part of the questionnaire.
- d. Concern was raised about speeding in the village. Together with the parking problems this constitutes a major safety problem. The Chairman advised that this is not a matter for the NPG, however, as there was 100% support for the problem, the questionnaire will raise the issue. The Parish Council members in attendance noted these concerns and the residents' views on traffic calming.

The minutes of the meeting can be found on the web-site or in the Village Shop.

Further open meetings will be held once the questionnaire has been reviewed and the findings assessed.

Where to find information

Remember you can find all the information on the Parish web site www.wilmcote.co.uk/neighbourhoodplanninggroup or alternatively there is a hard copy in the Village Shop.

On the web site you will find all the key documents including the minutes from the public meetings.

If you wish to contact us you can go to Facebook or twitter www.facebook.co/wilmcoteneighbourhoodplanninggroup , or write directly to Alan Griffith, The Wharf, Wharf Lane, Wilmcote, CV37 9UR or email wnpg@wilmcotepc.co.uk