**Wilmcote Neighbourhood Planning Group**

**Quarterly Update No 1 April 2014**

**General**

As you will all know, following an introductory meeting convened by the Parish Council on 21st October 2013, the first meeting of the WNPG was held on 12th November.

Since then your committee has met monthly and we have an extended committee list of 26 members.

The Parish Council submitted a formal application to Stratford District Council on 13th November 2013 for the Parish to be designated area status under Part 2, Regulation5, of the Neighbourhood Planning(General) Regulations 2012.

Formal notice from SDC was received by the Parish Council on 24th February, confirming the Designation of Wilmcote Neighbourhood Area under Section61G (1) of the Town and Planning Act 1990 as amended.

The committee is preparing a list of the issues that are important to the people of Wilmcote and your next opportunity to give your views will be as follows:-

**An Open Meeting for all residents will be held in the**

**Village Hall on Thursday 26th June 2014 at 7.00pm.**

 **Put the date in your diary, this is your plan for the future of Wilmcote**

**The Team**

The committee has to consider the interests of all households, amenities, institutions, infrastructure providers and commercial activities in the Parish. To that end the committee has established separate sector heads. They are:

 John Singleton Private Housing

 Jill and John Philps Social Housing

 Richard Hoskin Commercial, Industrial and Retail

 Emma and Peter Ward Amenities

 Stuart Taylor Infrastructure and Utilities

In support of the sector leaders we have Lisa Plumb (Communications), Roger Harrison ( Treasurer), Pam Reynolds (Archivist) and Alan Griffith (Chair).

As Chair, I would like to thank all those who have volunteered and who are spending time undertaking this time consuming activity.

**The Process**

The sector leaders are currently in the process of undertaking research, to establish statistics on the housing stock, the type and occupancy. They are also reviewing the needs of the various amenities, whether it is the village hall, network rail or the school. A full list of areas being reviewed is in the team’s control plan which can be viewed on the Parish Council website [www.wilmcotepc.co.uk](http://www.wilmcotepc.co.uk) or in the folder in the village shop.

At the open meeting on 26th June, the team will be outlining its findings so far and debating the issues that attendees feel should be considered.

The aim of the meeting will be to refine a list of issues that will determine the questions posed in the public questionnaire, to be sent to all households later in the summer. This questionnaire will be sent out by Stratford District Council and we will consider holding another public meeting to address questions and assist with completing the questionnaire.

Once almost every Wilmcote household has completed the questionnaire, the results will be analysed independently by a consultant appointed by your committee.

When the results are received, a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Wilmcote will be prepared and examined independently before the final plan is submitted to Stratford District Council.

**Where to find information**

It is very important that we keep you fully informed of what your committee is doing. To that end you can find all the main correspondence on the new Parish Council Web site [www.wilmcotepc.co.uk/neighbourhoodplanninggroup](http://www.wilmcotepc.co.uk/neighbourhoodplanninggroup) or alternatively there is a hard copy in the village shop.

On the web site you will also find the Control Plan, which outlines the process for the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. This is a live document so it is updated occasionally.

If you wish to contact the committee you can do so on Facebook or via twitter [www.facebook.com/wiolmcoteneighbourhoodplanninggroup](http://www.facebook.com/wiolmcoteneighbourhoodplanninggroup) , or writing directly to Alan Griffith, The Wharf, Wharf Lane, Wilmcote, CV37 9UR.

**PLEASE PUT THE 26th JUNE IN YOUR DIARY.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AT THE VILLAGE HALL**