Wilmcote Open Meeting 26th June 2014

Question and Answer Session

**Committee in attendance**

Alan Griffiths

Roger Harrison

John Singleton

Pam Reynolds

Emma Ward

Peter Ward

Darren Gwynne

Nick Wilson

Sarah Carrington Gull

Keith Vinning

Kate Compton

Peter Howard

Lisa Foskett – Plumb

Members of the public in attendance as per the attached lists

* **Mary Kemp** – thanking for excellent presentation
* **Di Lee** – would like to know if we are including small starter homes, for youngsters first time buyers – flats apts etc within the plan – AG – Response yes
* **Ted Manders** – did the process include any compulsory purchase of sites once identified. Does the plan reconcile the wishes of those that own the land. AG – response – pointless in putting sites forward where owners are not interested – must be a willingness to sell. We will look at all feasible sites and then approach the owners.
* **Val Potts** – Club mentioned as a prime site – the members actually own the club and have worked hard to keep it functioning – what is the process should the club be considered. Length of time to communicate with members etc? AG – response – potential of a new club should the village want it – we will interpret needs of the people in the village
* **Alison McMillan –** Do we have to include anything for the travellers? Warwick Roberts responded that there is a separate consultation for travellers needs and sites – insinuated however that Pathlow an easy option for SDC to expand? AG – response that pro rata we have the largest travellers community within Warwickshire
* **Mr Allitt** – concerned re parking at station – is this included within plan. AG – response – missed opportunities in the past regarding land for parking but it will definitely be included within the questionnaire
* **Bill Holmes** – parking at Glebe estate also a huge issue – more important than station road. Hall being used regularly – concern re emergency vehicles being able to access – more homes on glebe estate have more than one car. AG – response – draft questions will include housing with two off road car parking spaces
* **Warwick Roberts** – police not interested in parking problems – there is a thought that it does actually slow traffic down and acts as traffic calming**.** General talk within audience that we must reduce congestion regarding parking – safety issue
* **Michael Kemp** – talked about starter homes – what about retirement homes – sheltered housing etc. AG – responded that we are 42% above SDC average of retired people? Perhaps discussion for retirement village?
* **Rebecca Ledgard**? – what benefits will there be to the school? More houses – more children – expansion of school? AG – response – questionnaire will cover these areas
* **Carolyn Boakes** – lives opposite church. Concerns re traffic through village – far too fast – tractors etc… Colin Ray responded on behalf of Wilmcote Parish Council - police reluctant to get involved. **Tony Humphries** – police officer stated that responsibility for highways, is WCC highways department and they, the police must enforce measures.

**There was great concern stressed by all present to vehicles speeding through the village and the possibility of a major accident occurring**. AG stress stated that speeding was not part of the planning process all but there may be funds available from any development to fund such works from CIL contributions to the village. A vote to include traffic calming in the questionnaire was taken. All 84 present voted to include the question

* **Keith Vinning** – Could the questionnaire once completed including speeding parking issues be passed on to the relevant authorities? **Tony Humphries** – if enough people complain re any issue local police must get involved – community police van attends monthly?
* **Sarah Carrington Gull** – lives in Pathlow – major traffic issues. Would be happy for 70 homes to be built in Pathlow if it triggered traffic calming. She had discovered the Alcester Community Forum where issues such as this can be raised
* **Rebecca Ledgard** – choosing sites for development should be based around the number of cars etc – ie safety aspects near school….
* **Norman Lee** – asked if the committee members homes were spread across the village so all areas of the village were covered. AG responded yes with confirmation from Roger