

Eccleshall Neighbourhood Plan Group

February 20th, 2014 – Eccleshall Community Centre 6pm.

Present were:- David Pimble, Keith Weston, Cheryl Hyland, Brian Mason, John Allen Peter Thompson, Peter Bertram, Barry Apps and Chris Heelis.

Apologies were received from:- Gordon Dale, Sue Sanders, Paul Snape, Luke Serjeant. Mac McCoig and John Baldry.

David Pimble gave a report on the Special Forum he had attended on February 5th, 2014 at Stafford Borough Council. The Forum had heard how the Local Plan was progressing and the Borough Council was currently consulting on the proposed Modifications, following the Inspector's recommendations. The following matters were noted:-

- No finance was available from the Borough Council to assist with the production of the plan or administrative costs.
- The Borough Council had proposed working with those councils containing Key Service Villages on an approach and apportionment of housing provision to assist with Neighbourhood Plans and ensure that the Local Plan delivers 1,200 new homes for these settlements over 17 years. Mr Yendole, Planning Policy Manager, had written to the Clerks of Key Service Villages seeking to work together to identify new settlement boundaries to replace the residential development boundaries. At a meeting of the Parish Council on February 19th, 2014 it was agreed to enter into discussion with the Borough Council with regard to engaging in this project. Although it was stressed that the Neighbourhood Plan was for the Parish and would reflect the concerns and aspirations of the local community.

The Committee resolved to:-

- Apply for further funding from Locality at the end of March, as it was anticipated that the current grant would have been used by this date.
- Seek quotes to undertake traffic surveys, as the Highways seemed reluctant to commission traffic monitoring and produce data.
- Christine was asked to circulate the presentations from the Forum.

Christine had been preparing a Parish Council Newsletter for distribution in March and had created a draft Neighbourhood Plan update, to include with the document.

- Cheryl and Keith had produced a vision statement and synopsis of the survey results on Green Space. Cheryl referred to a document produced by Stafford Borough Council - Infrastructure, Green Space, Sport and Recreation Strategy. The document contained some significant facts relating to Eccleshall, which would be useful to refer to in the Plan.
- Mac and Barry had prepared an analysis of the survey results for Housing.
- Peter T. Peter B. and Brian had summarised the Road and Traffic responses.

David and Christine agreed to use details provided to complete the Update and add in sections on Jobs and Employment and Historic Fabric.

It was agreed that the next step in the process would be:-

- The identification of strategic local policies, ensuring general conformity with the Local Plan.
- Checking Policies against the National Planning Policy Framework.
- Continuing to compile the evidence base.

Peter B. suggested that it may be beneficial to have surveys undertaken of the drains and sewerage works / capacity.

The next meeting was arranged for March 20th, 2014 at Eccleshall Community Centre at 6pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm