

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FINAL DOCUMENT AND SUPPORTING MAP AND NEXT STEPS**

Following several months of interacting with both Kirkwells (our consultants appointed by our previous PC to produce the plan), then members of the previous PC who were on the working group and who politely stepped aside, discussion with a WNC planning team member and some meetings held by myself, Mark Haynes and Mohamad with a potential consultant who could potentially deliver the consultation process, I am now pleased to report that the final NDP Document and supporting map is in front of this meeting for approval.

Both the document AND map have been altered to comply with the amendments previously approved and the format is fully in line with current requirements. Subject to the formal approval of this by the council tonight, we can then move to the next part of the process, the consultation with the village population.

On this part of the process, we had some good news over the summer confirmed by both Kirkwells and the WNC planning person about the consultation process. We were initially advised that the consultation had to involve a copy being sent to every house in the village. A display event had to be held to allow interested people to view the plan and Map. BUT we have now been informed that all this is NOT required. To comply with legal requirements, very much as WNC do, we need to make the consultation process public both on our website and any other "social media" channels we consider appropriate, although all these would do is to direct people to our website. On the website there would be an email address for anyone to send any responses (including proposed alterations) to us for our consideration.

WE will have to make a number of hard copies of the plan and map available for people to view who do not have full online access (similarly, we can publicise the process on our parish notice boards) to view and provide us with any comments if appropriate. NOTE these hard copies are only for viewing it is NOT necessary to provide a copy for anyone wishing to take it home.

Once this has been completed, it then goes forward to the referendum, for (hopefully) approval and adoption. Given the recent announcements by the new Government about their wish to progress much more house building on green belt, we MUST take this on as the single most important thing we do in the next several months (yes, even more important than poo bins)

### **PROPOSAL**

The NDP document and map attached to the current agenda are formally approved. Subject to this, the NDP working group (Bruce, Mark Haynes and Mohamad) together with the clerk liaise to establish how the consultation process is progressed. We have a budget of £10,000 allocated for this year should it be deemed appropriate to acquire extra resources to deliver this