

# Neighbourhood Planning team meeting to discuss use of village facilities

On **Thursday 24/01/13** a meeting was held, hosted by the Neighbourhood Planning Team, for the owners, managers and user representatives of the several halls and facilities in the village. The purpose of the meeting was to share information gathered following a survey undertaken late last year by the Neighbourhood Planning Team on behalf of the Parish Council. The survey was concerned with identifying the issues and challenges facing the current meeting facilities within the village.



This is the start of a process that will allow us to undertake planning for the future. The overall aim is to ensure the community has an effective and efficient range of meeting facilities available for use now and in the future.

Those present at the meeting considered the facts concerning the current spread of facilities, all of which are facing challenges of one sort or another. There was also a chance to look at the opportunities that existed and to discuss these and share ideas. This ranged from the suggestion that we could choose to leave everything as it is at the moment to us exploring the possibility of a new facility. This could eventually replace one or two other existing facilities that are currently expensive to maintain and in need of a lot of modernisation work.

No decisions were made as this was not the purpose of the meeting. A very constructive set of discussions took place, the results of which will be recorded and shared in summary form by the Neighbourhood Planning Team. The Task Group working on this area of the Neighbourhood Plan will use this information to progress their work and there will be opportunities built in for wider consultation and involvement of local people at a later date.

Many thanks to those who turned out on what was a very cold night and who contributed in such a positive way to what is the beginning of a process which we hope will ultimately provide the local community with a set of facilities which meet the needs of future generations.

If anyone would like to become more involved in this area of work please contact either Paul Varey [paul.varey@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.varey@btinternet.com) or Jane Colville [janecolville@btinternet.com](mailto:janecolville@btinternet.com)