

Excellent turnout for Neighbourhood Plan meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013 AT 10:14AM



On Saturday morning, 23 November, there was a good turnout at the local Primary School for a local consultation on the various aspects of the plan as they emerge for consideration and decision making. Any Household Surveys not yet returned should be placed in an envelope and dropped off in the plastic envelopes provided both in the shop and Post Office by 6/12/13. We will analyse the returns as soon as we are able to and will publicise the main outcomes. We will be calling for more public support and involvement over the next few weeks as we draw closer to drafting the plan. We really appreciate your ideas and commentsplease keep them coming !”

Neighbourhood Planning team meeting to discuss use of village facilities

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013 AT 9:44AM



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 or Jane Colville janecolville@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Plan News Update

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017 AT 7:45PM

A lot has been happening over the last few weeks and there's quite a bit more to come between now and June. That is when we might see the Plan adopted by the Council and being used to influence local planning related decisions.

The Plan, which had been finalised by the local Neighbourhood Planning Team following the last consultation with residents of the parish, was sent on to Cheshire West and Chester Council for them to consider and consult on. They felt able in late January to appoint an independent examiner who, over a period of around three weeks, scrutinised the Plan and related papers. He produced a draft report to which we and the council officers were able to make some corrections and suggest some modifications. The final report he has provided contains a series of recommendations in respect of both content and presentation so these are now being addressed.

The next stage will be for the council officers to set before the Council Cabinet our Plan with a report and recommendation that it proceeds to be the subject of a referendum. The council will arrange this and we think it may happen in May or June. Every resident of the parish registered on the electoral roll will be able to exercise their

democratic right to vote for or against the Plan. If more than 50% of those who vote on the day vote in favour of it than the Plan is accepted and adopted by the Council and it is said to be "made".