

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN THEME ONE MEETING ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2020**

**PRESENT**- Gary Kirk, Liz Jenkin, David Mumford, Clare Pearson, Simon Pearson, Richard Plant, Richard Webb and Penny Weston-Webb.

**APOLOGIES** – Jane Pateman, Barry Whitehead and Zoe Whitehead

**PENNY** – Welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**GARY** – Would like to be able to do screen sharing (Penny to ask Emma). He had sent us five papers to read and suggested we look at the YourLocale website.

It was noted that we have a large number of large houses. Simon is concerned about the number of 'undesirables' we might get in the village with social housing. Clare feels small blocks of communities would be better than a large estate.

Richard W said that the Cossington Plan stated 68% did not want any further houses but to keep the village small.

Richard P enquired as to how definite are the proposed housing.

Gary reported that the two allocated sites are in the emerging local plan and cannot be taken out by a Neighbourhood Plan.

Penny said she thought there were other more suitable sites on the edge of the Parish which would not entail more traffic the Main Street.

Richard W enquired if we could get the number of houses reduced.

Penny said she had heard they now want 180 houses on one of the sites as well as 54 on another This would make the village double the size it is at present.

The last census stated we have 128 houses in the Parish Charnwood Plan is now out of date and is being amended. Neighbourhood Plan will have some powers regarding planning.

It was thought bungalows would be more acceptable but we do not have any amenities for elder in the village (no shop or post office)

Simon was concerned about flooding in the valley. Traffic is horrendous when extra traffic has to come through Cossington due to road closures.

Gary said we need to obtain details of the flood plain and where it actually floods. Simon said that Charnwood Borough Council do not accept that we have flooding in the village. Main Street by Derry's Nurseries, Syston Road in two place and Platts Lane all were impassable during the flooding earlier in the year. The brook by Derrys burst its bank. The ditch on the corner by field entrance to the school flooded onto the road this year. More houses are being

built of Ratcliffe Road, Sileby and Leicester City Football Club have concreted over large expanses of the Park Hill Golf course.

Gary said when detailed plans are out for the houses we have to ask what is being done about flooding. We can have policies for mixed housing and affordable house.

Clare reported that large sites increase crime – she is able to supply figures to prove this. We are a safe village at the moment.

Richard P said we must have some 2/3 bed houses. At the moment children have to move away as they cannot afford houses in Cossington. His two children have moved and Penny has three who had to move.

Simon said the government policy is to have some affordable housing including shared ownership.

Gary said there is a policy for affordable houses that would be subsidised.

Gary has offered to sort out some topics and details for discussion at our next meeting.

Gary is willing to talk to Charnwood Borough Council planning officers on our behalf.

Simon thought we were unable to stop 100% of the planning but might be able to get it reduced.

Richard W thought we would get 40% of affordable housing as this is in the local plan figure.

It appears that the building boundary can be moved by Charnwood although in the past they have been very strict. Gary said the local plans generally last for 3-4 years although the nominal date is to 2036.

We want the development to be in keeping with the size and appearance of the present village.

Gary will be sending out more documents for us to read.

**NEXT MEETING** – 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 at 7.15pm

