

2017 November

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REPORT

Report for the Markfield Parish Council meeting of 7th November 2017

Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan @ 7/11/17

1. Since our last meeting, councillors have been working with Midlands Rural Housing to agree minor changes to the Housing Needs questionnaire, the associated distribution list and wording about it for an article to go in the November edition of "The Herald".
2. Questionnaires will be distribution via two routes – hand delivery (2,200) and posting (165). The former will be undertaken, on behalf of Midlands Rural Housing, by "Openbox Promotions".
3. Once distributed the fact the questionnaire doesn't include Field Head may be questioned by some residents. A text for councillors to answer this is being prepared.
4. A sister article, on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) itself, has also been submitted to "The Herald". It seeks to both provide a progress report and also generate interest from parishioners to join the plan's Steering Committee.
5. Following-on from the publication of that article, further publicity and an engagement event will be planned to both inform residents about what the NDP covers and how they can get involved.
6. This will include posters around the village, working with the LRCC on an event at Markfield Community Library, postings on the parish council website, the "Spotted Markfield" Facebook page and by word of mouth.
7. Last month our chairman met a group of approximately 30 residents from the Shaw Lane area to discuss a range of matters. He reports that they will be providing a representative to sit on the Steering Committee.

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5th November 2017