

**2018 April**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Report to Markfield PC – Mr T Lockley

Progress with the Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The first meeting of the embryonic Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group took place at the Community Library on 27th March.

Including the three MPC representatives, there were ten volunteers in total, drawn from across the parish.

Since for some of the volunteers this was their introduction to Neighbourhood Planning, John Preston from the Leicestershire and Rutland Rural Community Council was invited to give an introductory presentation on the topic.

Even for those of us who have been to similar presentations it proved to be a useful reminder of the various stages, complexities, pit-falls and benefits of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

It is hoped these volunteers will now form the Steering Group and help guide the plan's development over the next couple of years.

The next stage for the volunteers is to agree the Steering Group's terms of reference and then present them to the Parish Council for approval. Once approval is given, the group can then become formally constituted, elect a chair, secretary and treasurer and develop a project plan.

Some of the group members will be attending the evening Stanton/Thornton/Bagworth NP event on 12th April at Stanton-under-Bardon village hall.