

2018 December

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – Report from Mr T Lockley

Markfield Parish Council 4th December 2018 – Neighbourhood Plan report

1. The following drop-in events were held:

17th 2 to 5 p.m. – Shaw Lane Working Men’s Club

24th 2 to 5 p.m. – Markfield Community Centre

29th 2 to 5 p.m. – Markfield Court Hall

2. Attendance was as follows:

- Shaw Lane Working Men’s Club - 7
- Markfield Community Centre - 21
- Markfield Court - 7

3. 24 of the visitors completed “contact forms”, so they can be kept informed about how the plan is progressing. The Steering Group might also be able to persuade some of them to either join it or, assist with the sub-groups, which will prepare the plan’s various chapters.

4. The receipt deadline for public comments has been extended to 31st December.

5. The Rural Community Council (RCC) will collate and analyse all the comments and prepare a report on them for mid-January 2019.

6. The Steering Group is very grateful for professional assistance provided to date by the RCC staff.

7. Over the next few weeks the Steering Group will be preparing a list of potential invitees for a stakeholder event, which will probably be held in late February. Invitees could include local landowners, businesses, schools/other community facilities and from the Stanton-under-Bardon Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

8. It was announced at last month's Annual Parish Forum that H&BC has agreed new working arrangements with the RCC. Previously the support provided by the RCC, would have stopped after the Stakeholder event, but now it can continue and, if required, dovetailed in with the work their planning consultant does for individual NP Groups. Since there is no compulsion for our Steering Group to utilise this new arrangement, it will have to decide in the New Year how it wants to proceed.

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