

## 2019 April

### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Markfield Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group report – 31st March 2019

1. On 6th March 3 members of the SG met with 3 members of the Stanton/Thornton/Bagworth NPSG to learn from their experiences – especially in relation to choosing and appointing planning consultants. It was a very helpful meeting, details of which were related to the MPSG at its March 12th meeting
2. Discussion at the last meeting centred on arrangements for the “Stakeholder” event, scheduled for 19th March at the Copt Oak Memorial Hall.
3. The “Stakeholder” event was reasonably well attended by local landowners, Markfield Colts, Newtown Linford PC, Stanton/Thornton/Bagworth NPSG, Shaw Lane Community Action Group/Markfield PC/ Leicestershire CC and the Markfield Medical Centre. It covered the same topic areas as the earlier “Drop-in” events, but from a different perspective. The RCC, who helped run the event, is currently preparing a report, which will be considered at the next SG meeting.
4. Whilst the “Stakeholder” event closes the initial round of public consultation, more will follow throughout the development of the NP.
5. With that work behind them the next task for the MPNPSG is to consider appointing a planning consultant to assist them with the NP’s development. Some discussion, partially influenced by the experiences of our neighbouring parishes on this matter, took place at the last meeting. It will be discussed again at the 30th April meeting.
6. The next meeting is scheduled for 30th April.

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