

# MPC Meeting February 2020

## Neighbourhood planning report

### NP Questionnaires

1. The RCC is busily analysing the responses from the “Youth” and “Household” questionnaires. The full analysis will be available early in February.

### HBBC’s “Open Space and Recreation” questionnaire

2. In response for the need for up-to-date data to allow the NPSG to respond to HBBC’s “Open space and Recreation” questionnaire, the RCC managed to analyse the relevant section of the “Youth” and “Household” questionnaires in advance of the other sections.
3. The HBBC questionnaire was completed and returned before their end of January deadline. To allow MPC to comment they were copied into the draft response.
4. Accompanying HBBC’s questionnaire were a series of open space maps they had produced some years ago for the parish. They contained multiple errors. The missing open space areas were plotted using the PC’s GIS system and sent to HBBC along with a set of notes.

### Responding to increased developer interest in Markfield sites

5. At its last meeting, because of concerns over the apparent increased level of developer interest in sites around the village, the NPSG agreed it would be sensible to seek additional planning consultant support to move the plan along faster.
6. The RCC agreed to ask our planning consultant, Colin Wilkinson, whether he had the capacity to undertake more work this financial year. If he had, then there was an opportunity to apply to “Locality” for additional funding. However, the application had to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January.
7. Colin confirmed he could take on additional work and he and the RCC prepared a quotation for it. This information was shared with the PC’s Chair/Vice-Chair and admin officer.
8. A discussion took place between the PC’s Vice-Chair and Tony Lockley about applying for additional funding and it was agreed, since the risk to MPC was low, to do so.
9. Colin Wilkinson then prepared and submitted the required expression of interest to “Locality” and they very promptly responded with an application form. Colin completed most of it with Tony adding a few additional details and cross-checking it. The form was submitted before “Locality’s” deadline and they have confirmed its receipt.
10. NPSG members are arranging to talk to: the surgery; South Charnwood and Mercenfeld Schools about issues around their ability, or otherwise, to accommodate additional residential growth.
11. With the Stanton/Thornton/Bagworth NP running ahead of Markfield’s and almost certainly sharing some common issues, Tony has asked, whether they’d approached the doctors, schools etc and, if so, what responses they received. He also asked about cross-parish boundary issues like footpaths, bridleways etc. S/T/B’s reply is awaited.

### Next meetings

12. The next NPSG meeting is scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. at the Community Library
13. A special meeting has also been arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. at the Community Library to allow our 2 district councillors, parish councillors and members of the NPSG to discuss developing our Neighbourhood Plan with our planning consultant Colin Wilkinson.

The following invoices have been received:

RCC Invoice 255 £2,095.50

LCC Invoice 1034882 Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Printing £981.88

Colin Wilkinson INV2463307 £300.00