

## Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### 7pm at Markfield Library

Present Tony Lockley (Chair) David Sprason – Mike Williams - Jacqui Williams – Barry Gannon – Julie Grace – Annie Duggan - Rosie Woodland — Ann Cook - Di Lockley

1. Apologies John Preston - Jhanvi Shukla
2. Minutes from last meeting – Accepted with a couple of previously made small adjustments
3. Matters arising from the minutes

Tony Lockley had approached Mercefeld School but has not received a reply. Rosie Woodland stated that it is now part of the new academy Bradgate Trust. It is a Multi-Academy trust functioning with no specific leader, but all members being due to respect several over-arching policies. Rosie Woodland stated that Lisa Jones the Head at Ratby Primary School may be a good member to contact from this Academy. David Sprason said that South Charnwood had an intake cap of 180 students.

Tony Lockley has approached the Stanton/Thornton/Bagworth Group for feedback on any consultations they may have had on cross parish boundary issues like the doctor's surgery etc. Their reply is awaited.

4. Declarations of interest - None.
5. Progress with questionnaire analysis

Tony Lockley stated that we needed to have the actual analysis before next weeks meeting and has been informed by the RCC that the group should have it by then.

6. Feedback from the meeting with representatives from the surgery

Both Rosie Woodland & Ann Cook went to the meeting last Friday. Laura Gibson the practice manager stated that it was exceedingly difficult to make any long-term plans as the NHS had plans of their own, which arrive as & when. The surgery has at present 7,100 patients. It is difficult to assess the numbers demographically as many new residents stay with their original doctor. There is a high number of retired people who are patients at the practice.

Space is very tight at the surgery and they would like to create another inner annex for another doctor/doctors, but they would have to get permission from the actual building's owners – a private company. This extension would be dependant on money from the government, which usually comes in dribs and drabs.

There is now just one Chief Executive for the Clinical Commissioning Group; there used to be three.

The overall national policy is to improve Primary Care at home, and this will of course have a direct impact on the local surgery.

7. Hinckley & Bosworth “Open Space Review Consultation

This plan has been forwarded to Hinckley & Bosworth and the Parish Council has been copied in. Tony Lockley stated that there has been a high level of inaccuracy in the Hinckley & Bosworth data.

8. “Locality” Grants – the “completion” form and second grant application.

The second grant application has been accepted with the Parish Council needing to complete a form to verify this. It's very important that the Neighbourhood Plan Group to develop draft policies as soon as possible. Without these evidence-based policies, it would be difficult to have any influence on forthcoming planning applications.

The RCC was asked what capacity Colin Wilkinson had to assist the group and he has stated that he would be able to get our draft policies in place before the end of this March. The aim was that in 7 to 8 weeks to get draft policies and also identify a couple of potential housing areas. The RCC has also provided a quote for undertaking this work.

To fund the above-mentioned work, Colin Wilkinson submitted a detailed application of £5470 to “Locality”. In any one financial year you can apply for grant-aid of up to £9,000. Taking into account the first grant received from “Locality” the collective total for both grants would be under the threshold. There are also opportunities to submit other applications for certain very specific things.

Approval of the second grant was received today and now needs formally accepting by the parish council.

Colin Wilkinson will do the main frame of the policies and the group itself will add various ‘softer’ details to his main plan.

9. Planning Pressures email from HBBC about housing numbers

With HBBC's housing land supply now standing at under 4 years, it will become increasingly difficult to oppose new residential planning applications.

From an earlier HBBC study it's known that Markfield is deficient in certain types of open space and means of rectifying that will need to be considered as and when any applications for new housing are received. Developers need to comply with density and open space standards.

