

**Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan – Joint Consultation Meeting held on 18th 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

Others Present

John Preston Rural Community Council

Colin Wilkinson County Planning

Peter Bedford LCC Councillor

Andy Furlong HBBC Councillor

Margaret Bowler Vice-Chair Markfield Parish Council

Klaus Senkpiehl Markfield Parish Council

1. Apologies
2. Meetings Aims

To make those attending aware of Neighbourhood Plans Evidence Gathering to enable potentially stronger influence on Draft Planning Policies.

Barry Gannon asked for the term Rural Centre which Markfield – Groby & Ratby are all so defined meant. Tony Lockley informed him that the three villages were so defined as each had a range of local services which are able to cover a large hinterland.

Colin Wilkinson informed the group that a complete Neighbourhood Plan would be more supportive against presumptive housing development & he related to Sheepy Magna having no plan and now having had 3 potentially unwelcome areas of housing to existing residents.

Margaret Bowler commented that Hinckley & Bosworth has still to achieve its 3 year plan. Hinckley & Bosworth are held back from stating more definite numbers as Leicester City are not able to disclose any figures yet.

If Hinckley & Bosworth say over 500 we would have nowhere to allocate those spaces and our Rural Centre boundary would have to be extended.

3. Current Position with Markfield Parish NP

Colin Wilkinson stated that at present there was a difference of opinion between the Local Plan & the Neighbourhood Plan. Hinckley & Bosworth are treating the Neighbourhood Plan as secondary behaviour and this needs to be confronted.