

Issues and opportunities

Burbage Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Event

24 November 2014

1. Presentations

a) The Chair of the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, Richard Flemming, welcomed Stakeholders to the event and explained the process to be followed.

b) Gary Kirk of *Yourlocale*, the Company supporting the Parish Council through the Neighbourhood Plan process, explained what Neighbourhood Planning is about and the process to be followed, raising some issues, challenges and opportunities. (copy of presentation below)

c) Richard spoke about what has been achieved to date and what still needs to be done. (Copy of presentation below)

2. Group discussion

Comments made during the group discussion

Traffic/car parking

- Traffic – bad now. Impact of new development will make it worse.
- The large size of vehicles is an issue – causes vibration. Weight restriction needed
- Car parking – will only get worse with more houses.
- Windsor Street – growing number of businesses. BUT – need to entice more businesses in to help make Burbage sustainable.
- Better information needs to be given out to attract people into the shopping centre.
- Location of car park – too far away from the Centre. May need to lose community amenities to create better car parking.
- Issue of Methodist Church as a location for car parking – not a public car park but still used for short term parking.
- Need to signpost existing car parks better.
- Use of Parish Council car park. Could this be considered as a two storey car park?
- Consider charging for parking, but might deter some people?
- Speed cameras? Use of residents to volunteer (Speed Watch).
- Pedestrian crossing needed by old post office.
- Need to slow traffic coming into Burbage.
- Need for slip road.
- Britannia Road – should become ‘one way’ to avoid problems at T junction.

Leisure

- Lack of leisure facilities – infrastructure lacking – GPs etc.

Businesses/shops

- Traders Association needed for Burbage. Sharing of information. Business support is needed.
- Have boutique, florist, jewellers, hair and beauty. Some shops taking space where other retail could be better placed. Need for antique shop – better range of shopping needed.
- Concern was expressed about the future of Post Office – danger of being lost. Designate as Community Asset?
- Need somewhere to have coffee/cake as part of the shopping experience. Pub serving food will help. Loss of Co-op (not helped by parking). Subway about to come in – concern over potential impact of litter.
- Burbage needs to consider design issues – some glaring exceptions to the good design promoted.

Services.

- Homes needed – but infrastructure needs to keep pace (drainage/sewerage).

Housing

- New housing – won't increase trade – difficulty in getting parking and lack of range of shops.
- Available shopping plots being lost to residential development.

What's good?

- Population – lots of kids coming through the schools into clubs ... (football clubs running out of space).
- Burbage Common and Woods – special place.
- Seen as desirable place to live. Need for tourism?
- Proximity to Motorway
- Community spirit. Good turnout for community events.
- Burbage seen as being important by other people.
- Historical interest. Need heritage centre?

Comments made on contact form:

How do you expect your Company to grow in the next 5/10 years?

- Plus 40% (Taragon)
- Increased housing output with respect to local needs in East Midlands (David Wilson)
- To be transferred to Lutterworth Road (Police)
- We move to larger premises beginning January. Hope to expand by a further 10 members of LOCAL staff (Taragon)
- 10-25% growth in fleet strength (Crowfoot)
- No expected growth (Deepdale)
- Significant growth in the UK (UMBRA)
- 5 years = 2x size from 100 to 200 children. By 2020 approx 230 children on 18 pitches (FC Burbage)

How can the Neighbourhood Plan help your Company?

- Housing allocations (allocated land for residential development) (David Wilson)
- Not applicable, but worried about the weight of lorries passing through Burbage – effect on foundations (Police)
- Listen; ask; encourage businesses (Taragon)
- Additional houses place an increased demand on Police resources (Police)
- Forming part of the development plan (H&BBC)

- Ensure through transport links (Crowfoots)
- Worry of housing close to haulage yard. Possible complaints from new housing. (Deepdale)
- Planning for recruitment (UMBRA)
- Supporting Junior sports facilities and development in the Parish (FC Burbage)

Yourlocale presentation for Burbage Stakeholder Event 24 November 2014

Burbage Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan

STAKEHOLDER MEETING
24 NOVEMBER 2014

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
GARY KIRK YOURLOCALE



Yourlocale

- Yourlocale – set up to support delivery of community rights
- Gary Kirk – Former CEO of Meden Valley Making Places; Neighbourhood Planning Examiner; Parish Councillor
- Andrew Towler – Planner; former Head of Planning; National Advisor to SLCC; Parish Clerk
- Currently supporting 17 Parish Councils across the Midlands and Yorkshire



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What is Neighbourhood Planning?

- Transfer of planning powers to communities
- Part of Localism Agenda
- Simplification – current system remote and complex
- Opportunity for local people to decide Planning Policy
- Involves drafting of policies that form part of decision making process. Adds detail to Borough-wide policies
- Covers housing; open space; design; business; highways; community assets; infrastructure. Evidence based.
- Wide ranging – needs strategic compliance with LPA and National/European policy




What does it involve?

- Routinely 12-18 months to complete. Includes:
 - Designation of Parish Council as Qualifying Body
 - Consultation – Residents and stakeholders
 - Agreeing a broad vision
 - Building evidence base – profile; needs assessments; policy conformity; policy development
 - Writing of Policies
 - Formal submission to local authority
 - Independent Examination
 - Referendum
 - If passes – Plan 'Made' and is part of the statutory planning framework



Opportunities and issues

- Neighbourhood Plan will be the key decision-making document for the Parish
- Opportunity for Burbage to develop in line with a strategy developed locally
- Gives stakeholders the chance to contribute to the process and to develop business in line with agreed plan
- Structure through which negotiations can take place with local authority/developers/businesses
- More than just influence – you will be listened to
- Early challenges confirm key role
- Process empowering and inclusive



Name:

Title

Organisation:

Address line 1:

Address Line 2:

Address line 3:

Post code:

Date:

Dear: [insert name]

RE: Burbage Neighbourhood Development Plan

I am writing to you as a stakeholder who has a business interest in Burbage to advise you that Burbage Parish Council has taken the decision, in accordance with the Government's Localism Bill, to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

As part of the process, the area covered by Burbage Parish Council has already been designated by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council as a 'Neighbourhood Area' in accordance with Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The aim of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is to establish policies that will help determine how Burbage will look in the future and will cover local issues such as the nature of the village centre, housing requirements, environment, retail facilities, economic development, heritage, leisure and transport.

It is anticipated that the planning process will take up to a further 12 – 18 months, and as part of the planning stages, over the next few months we, as the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, will be holding consultation events in order to gather ideas as to how parishioners and businesses of Burbage wish to see the village develop. Part of this process has already begun with an Open Event held at Burbage Millennium Hall on Saturday, 8th November 2014.

As part of the consultation process the Neighbourhood Development Steering Group would like to invite you, or one of your representatives, to a Stakeholders Event to be held at Burbage Millennium Hall on Monday, 24th November 2014 at 7pm where you can meet members of the Steering Group. We intend to present an overview of the scheme, including "What is Neighbourhood Planning?", and how the scheme fits in our Plan for Burbage. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions. Refreshments will be available.

I look forward to meeting you at the event and would welcome a reply at your earliest convenience as to whether you, or a representative, would or would not be able to attend so that catering arrangements can be determined.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Flemming
Chairman
Burbage Parish Council