

## Notes from Neighbourhood Development Plan Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

Present: Brian Barnett Audrey Bott, Jo King, Mark Richards, Tom Rogers, Barrie Morgan, Kate Darby, Andrew Thompson, Bill Bloxsome (Data Orchard)  
Apologies: David Connor, Liz Connolly, Peter Furneaux, Robert Chitham,

Barrie and Andrew declared interests.

### **Bill Bloxsome:**

- contracted by Data Orchard as planning consultant. 1975 - 1998 - worked for HC as a planner. 98-2012 - managed the conservation team.
- vision statement excellent start.
- comply with national and regional guidelines - core strategy
- we can decide extent of how deeply we comply
- Good to have a core aspiration - we have housing as our core priority.
- Recommends we consider our settlement policy - i.e. where we put houses - most in Yarpole?
- Define the settlement boundaries.
- Settlement boundary = goes around the settlement
- Stop line - at end of a line of houses or road in settlement

HC want to build 5,300 houses outside of towns and city

Bill has made an assessment of our position. The housing requirement of 48 can include:

- rural windfalls allowance
- planning permission granted and built since 2011
- leaves a number to aim at. Provided for in 2 ways - allocate sites or provide for it by windfall within settlement boundary (rule of thumb = less than 1/4 hectare and 1-4 houses) - gardens cannot be used unless a particular size and orientation.
- approach landowners
- family housing = higher density than executive but can be successfully delivered by good design.
- plan positively - aim at full target of 48
- settlement boundaries do not have to be contiguous and they can be partial
- re Mortimers Cross - acknowledge that our parish takes in a part
- avoid flood risk areas 2 and 3 - call Nancy - Eardisley neighbourhood plan

### **Group Views**

- we are well on target but need to keep up the momentum
- we need to tackle settlement boundaries on all the settlements in the Parish

### ***Drop-ins reports***

- Barrie @ Bircher. Steady stream; key concerns - pressure of development on environment and services - clarification of process.
- Dave @ Yarpole. Limited response on general issues only
- Diane @ Lucton Couple only but on other matters

### ***Settlement boundary team - update***

- Although the council have never appraised the three conservation areas in the Parish, group decided to go ahead with the drafting and re-drafting of settlement boundaries using existing criteria and be prepared to adjust should such any conservation issues arise.
- Barrie to organise a meeting.

**Action:** by next meeting we will have for discussion draft settlement lines on a big map

Group agreed to respond to the written comments received from parishioners via the Parish magazine, rather than individually.

### ***Date of next meeting tbc***

Thanks to Bill Bloxsome for his expertise.