

Public Engagement at St Peter's Church

7th March 2030 from 1030-1200hrs

This morning Michele and I went along to the Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church. There was a good turnout of residents, 31, who were all very interested in hearing about the Neighbourhood Plan and what it meant to the village and its residents. There were a number of valid responses and questions raised:

VOC (Variation on Condition) - can we raise (via the NHP) objections to these being constantly put forward especially without residents being consulted. It was explained that this would have to be put to FDC planning.

Developers to include:

- bin enclosures

- Storage areas - most people use their garages

- Loft flooring (it was mentioned that Developers recommended that loft spaces were not to be used)

Residents asked which areas had already been granted for development and mentioned whether Parkfields could be part of further development. How can local residents help to gain designated 'green/open spaces'?

Issues with the lack of footpaths through the new developments, especially to link estates to each other and through to the village, it would help to promote community interaction. Also additional linked footpaths that would take local residents through the new developments and link to the Woodmans Way.

Developers should include and promote amenities within their developments, ie other shops, larger doctors surgery. They should also include an information pack for new residents giving them information about the local area, amenities, clubs, activities. (This would have to involve the Parish Council and other association's).

There was an interest in a local cafeteria business that could also be a community hub.

Volunteer groups to attend each others functions to promote their activities, the Parish Council 'volunteer day' would be a good opportunity to put this forward.

There were comments about the parking issues, solutions for March/ Doddington Road were very limited but requests to approach Highways and FDC to ask their advice or input.

HGV's travelling through the village, requests to approach the various companies and discuss solutions - weight restrictions, working hours etc.

The group were informed that we would be having a Presentation Day in the very near future and the information on date and time would be passed to Ian or Amanda for them to advertise.