

Retirement Club - 9th March 2023 - 1030hrs

Engaged with the Retirement Club before one of their Bingo Sessions. There were 14 local residents attending who interacted well, raising a number of issues, comments and valid points.

Predominantly the group was concerned with the infrastructure within the village and the fact that it had not been improved on enough in order to accommodate the increase in dwellings. Complaints about the flooding, the drainage and the sewerage, comments were made in regards to the serious flooding and sewerage back flow a number of years back. It was discussed that developers were not upholding the conditions of their applications i.e. Pathways, attenuation ponds, lighting, which brought on a discussion that these type of conditions should be implemented before and development took place.

The steady increase of HGV's going through the village were also a major concern (weight restrictions through the village and working hours for heavy transport), the impact on the roads, speeding and roadside parking. A valid point was raised with regards to installing 'average speed cameras' from Mill Hill roundabout along March Road and through to Doddington, this was also commented on at the Church coffee morning. Overdevelopment of local industries, they and developers should be asked to contribute towards a means of safely crossing the A141. Accessibility for older residents to places like the Woodmans Way, when crossing the A141 is nigh impossible, would enhance the opportunity to travel into March. There is already a major lack of alternative means of transport as in a regular bus service, the opportunity of association buses. Lighting along the new pathways from Nursery Gardens to the Woodmans Way was mentioned, safety issues for users.

Affordable Housing for the younger population in the village was raised, complaints that larger developments seem to be allowed to exit the NPPF percentages on providing Affordable Houses. Amenities to deal with the increase in population, the doctors surgery is already stretched to its limit, schooling and amenities for the younger generation.