

## **LOUND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

### **Report of the Open Meeting held Thursday 16th February 2017 in the Village Hall, staged by the Steering Group.**

Notice of the Open Meeting had been given to the Parish Council, to all parishioners in the Lound Crier, posted on the village web site, on village notice boards and fliers fixed to lamp posts, etc. throughout the village. All were invited to attend to view progress to date including (at 7.30 pm) presentation of the Analysis and Results of both Residents' and Business Surveys.

Members of the Steering Group opened the Hall at 6pm. to display copies of the Reports and other materials relevant to the planning process. Light refreshments were served to visitors on their arrival.

Michael Naylor, Chair of the Steering Group, opened the meeting by welcoming visitors, Parish Councillors and introduced James Green of Bassetlaw District Council Planning Dept. who has been guiding the Steering Group through the process.

A slideshow presentation was given by Nick Prout summarizing Background, Relevance and Key Information extracted from Reports of the Residents' Survey and the Survey of Businesses, Clubs and Associations which were completed in January. Questions arising during the slideshow were invited. At various stages James Green was asked to elaborate on technical issues, in particular, how adoption of our Neighbourhood Plan would complement the BDC Core Strategy which is in its First Draft and forecast to be effective mid-2019. James explained how a shortfall in home building in Bassetlaw over several years has led to a situation where landowners and developers have obtained planning permissions contrary to earlier guidelines. This is evident in some of our neighbouring villages. The presentation concluded with a summary of financial funding delivered by Jerry Kershaw. It has already been suggested that Nick's presentation be added to the village web site for future reference.

Michael Naylor then talked the meeting through his slideshow detailing progress to date and the next steps toward completion of the Neighbourhood Plan. The next crucial stages are to identify sites with potential for development and to involve the landowners before progressing to site assessment and further consultation with Lound residents. Michael's presentation has been added to the village web site.

There followed a robust Question and Answer Session. Issues raised included the methods for further consultation, selection of potential sites and the

number of properties which could be built over the life of the Plan. James Green responded to several questions regarding the process for evaluating the suitability of potential development sites. He stressed only sites available for development and which were likely to be supported by Lound parishioners should be put forward for evaluation. BDC will arrange the evaluations on our behalf by reference to the statutory bodies (e.g. infrastructure, highways, mains services, drainage, etc.) Various opinions were voiced which provided the opportunity for Jerry Kershaw to stress such views were welcome and the Group still needs volunteers to share the workload.

A Vote of Thanks to the Steering Group was given by Parish Councillor Holgate, Chair of Lound PC and Michael Naylor closed the formalities by thanking the visitors and James Green. Further refreshments were offered whilst attendees were able to study the displays and discuss issues informally with members of the Steering Group.

#### Attendance:

11 members of the Steering Group including Andrew Perkins, who is also a Parish Councillor and Julia Kershaw Clerk to the PC. Apologies received from Carol Green.

3 other Parish Councillors.

21 parishioners.

James Green, Planning Officer, Bassetlaw District Council.