

Catshill & North Marlbrook Neighbourhood Plan

Informal meeting held 21 July 16 in the Catshill Baptist Church at 1930

Present

Catshill & North Marlbrook Parish Councilours - Cllr B McEldowney, Cllr M Knight, Cllr O.Sweeting

Neighbourhood representatives – Paul Fisher, Malcom Shepherd, Chris Fabray

Guest – Nick Forknell representative from the Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council

1. Introduction

Cllr B.McEldowney as Neighbourhood Plan lead addressed the meeting and welcomed those present

2. Brief Explanation of a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr B.McEldowney gave a brief explanation on what Neighbourhood Planning was about and explained that there would eventually have to be a referendum before the Neighbourhood plan was submitted to the BDC for approval.

3.Presentation by Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council

The Representative from Lickey and Blackwell Parish Council gave a very comprehensive presentation on the current position with regards to the Neighbourhood plan in the Lickey and Blackwell area which also covered parts of neighbouring non parished areas such as Crofton Hackett.

He suggested the following :

- We should hold a number of community type events to raise awareness of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) with stickers for boards indicating what people liked or disliked about their Neighbourhood.
- Create a steering group, draft a constitution/Terms of Reference, open a bank account, appoint a treasurer, draft a number of objectives and provide a vision statement.
- Look at the Chaddesley Corbett (NP) which has already been approved and use it for best practice.
- Look at Barnt Green (NP) which is almost complete.
- Undertake an environment Survey and an infrastructure survey (consultants Kirkwell will give guidance on this)

- Obtain access to free ordinance survey maps by obtaining a PSMA licence.
- Employ consultants (if required) once we have completed a measure of the work paid for out of the Government grant of approx. £7000.
- Draft a letter to all local voluntary groups, clubs, schools, businesses etc raising awareness of the setting up of the NP Steering Group and inviting their involvement in the formulation of the plan
- Development sites should not be included in the Plan.
- He also supplied the following leaflets : (a) The Neighbourhood Plan for Lickey & Blackwell – (b) What neighbourhood planning is all about – (c) Neighbourhood Plan – Stakeholder Consultation.

4. Questions

We had a question time which brought out the suggestions above.

5. Steering Group Formation

- 4 Parish Cllrs to be nominated from the current Planning Committee for start up.
- Elect a Chair from the Neighbourhood Representatives at next meeting
- Elect a Treasurer from the Neighbourhood Representatives at next meeting.

6. Community Representation

- It was decided that the steering group should consist of at least 8 representatives from the Neighbourhood making up a committee of 12.

7. Next Meeting date – 14 September at 1930 (venue to be confirmed)