

## Neighbourhood Plan Committee Meeting

Meeting in Small Hall on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Present: Chris and Hilary, Paul Buckley, Linda Hiscott, Mark Brooks, Dean , Jan Bown, Elaine Holloway, Eric Benton, Stuart Thomson, David Stone, Mary K, Jerry, Vivien Riddle

Apologies: Maralyn Napier, Lynda Oliver

Minutes of last meeting agreed

Person interested in joining us Hilary Harland. Vivien to contact.

The map of the village that is on notice boards is correct. Wilstead extends beyond the A6 south of the underpass.

Eric gave a presentation explaining why we are objecting to neighbourhood plan to newcomers. The Parish Council were not consulted on the plans.

500 new houses for Wilstead which is designated a hub as we are positioned along the A6 and any developer would have to pay for a new school, others considered a hub are Clapham, Twinwoods, Wyboston, Thurleigh and Sharnbrook.

We need to print off Local plan 2035 – clarify objectives

Need to show areas to be proposed for building in Wilstead.

The Parish Council, as a body, to will protest the inclusion of Wilstead as a hub village (e.g. the number of houses)

Other villages also organising objections to proposed plans.

We need to inform people visiting next Wednesday of the pertinent objections. The key aim is to get people to object to the number of houses proposed for Wilstead and a high proportion of objections is needed.

Main Points to address next Wednesday

1. Village not town
2. Wixams houses not selling
3. We are on flood plain
4. Traffic flow very poor
5. Chose to live in a village
6. Boundary being extended stops us being a village
7. Plan to consolidate the village
8. Gap needed between us and Wixams needs to be maintained.
9. Drainage problems. Traffic a major issue – risk factor – congestion a real problem.

10. Most people do not use part time surgery at Methodist church majority use the surgery in Ampthill and a number rely on the Good Neighbour Scheme.
11. Note any other points people might bring up next week.

Originally planned on delivering leaflets before next Wednesday but this is thought to be not feasible better to see how Wednesday goes and then do a leaflet drop and doorstep chat after Wednesday. It is in the Home Watch front page. Notices to be put on the notice boards (Viv) and boards to be put up at the 3 entrances to the village (Viv). A frame board to put outside on pavement on day (Viv to collect from Mark).

A book for people to sign when they come in on the Wednesday, to give address, and e-mail if they are interested in receiving information. (Viv to purchase).

Vivien to write to County Hall to inform them that we do have a Neighbourhood Planning group and we will be submitting a Neighbourhood plan in due course.

Next meeting our all day drop in from 9am-9pm on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April