

Long Marston Neighbourhood Open Day, 25th November 2017

Purpose of open day: To introduce the residents of the village to the Neighbourhood planning process and to recruit volunteers to form the steering committee.

The open event was very busy, with 21 visitors attending during the 3 hour event, showing a great deal of interest in the plan and its scope.

Nine information packs were given out and eight membership forms were filled in on the day. Several others were taken away to be returned at the next parish council meeting. Of the 8 filled in so far, 4 are possible active members of the steering group, 2 offering help with admin / leaflet drops, 1 offering help with footpaths only and the other 1 unclear as to the level of commitment offered.

Invitations to this event were hand delivered to all addresses in the Neighbourhood Plan Area. A preliminary questionnaire was included with the invitations. The purpose of which was to gather opinions on the proposed new village hall and open space. Only 15 out of a total of 214 were returned. Of these, the majority were opposed to building a new hall. Only 4 respondents were in favour. Opinions were almost equally divided on the provision of a Sports Pavillion or Dual-purpose building. Of those who said that the village didn't need a sports field, the majority opted for an informal green space or park. This subject will have to be revisited in some detail as such a poor response cannot be representative of the whole village.

Results:

Does the village need a new village hall?	YES	4	NO	11
Would you prefer a Sports Pavillion?	YES	7	NO	8
Or A Dual-Purpose Building?	YES	6	NO	8
Does the village need a sports field	YES	6	NO	8

NP Volunteers to date:-

Parish Councillors

Noel Davis

Bill Tempest – All issues relating to planning

Malcolm Englishby

Graham Wilcox

Non Councillors

Debbie Woodliffe – whole process, particularly website and document design.

Rachel Woodliffe

Melodie Bruce – Any help she can

Jo Cooper

Prospective new members:-

Cassie Neville 721076 – All aspects of the plan

Margaret Andrews 720948 – Management of the plan and leaflet drops

Sandra Asford – management and process of plan

John Bredavs 720905– management of the plan ticked with a question mark

Angela Barnard 07855478007 – Admin, website, documents, leaflet drops

Susan Wright 720959 – leaflet drops.

Colin Drummins 720574 – Left question mark next to management of the plan and seems to have volunteered his wife Nina for leaflet drops.

Diana Rippin 720536 – Offered help with footpaths only

Next step will be to get the remaining membership forms returned.