

ALL THE LATEST!!

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH
MEMORIAL HALL
7.00 for 7.30 pm

Dear Hazelwood Parish Residents,

As our fabulous surrounding countryside starts to come into its own, what better time to invite you to hear where we are in the preparation of the Hazelwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

Since the last Open Evening, in November last year, a lot has happened.

Newsletter launch

The first email Newsletter was sent out to you in January of this year and prior to knowing the exact results of the late-2014 Housing Needs Assessment, it was already apparent that the high level of interest had generated an exceptionally high level of response. I was able to report, then, a 69% response rate and this subsequently closed at a 72.5%!

Housing. 'You said...'

All of this means that the main findings of the Assessment will be a major item at our next **Open Evening on Wednesday May 20**, to which I warmly invite you to attend. The survey itself was independently carried out on behalf of the Parish by Midlands Rural Housing. Their regional Director, Alison Clamp (a Wirksworth resident) will present the main findings and answer any questions you may have. This survey now forms an important piece of evidence to support the Neighbourhood Plan.

Keeping Hazelwood special

In the last newsletter, I was able to comment on group member and architect, Mike Wood and his contribution to the last Open Evening. This centred on not just trying to control future numbers of developments but also trying to ensure quality of design, and sensitivity to the built environment.

Mike has therefore been working hard on a draft Village Design Statement which he will be introducing on May 20th, as a key element of the final Neighbourhood Plan. This will aim to highlight what makes Hazelwood Parish special; its unique attributes and therefore what especially needs protecting within the Plan because Amber Valley 'planning' may not.

Momentum!

As you might expect, maintaining the necessary impetus behind a community project like this can be hard. The Neighbourhood Plan process can seem endless - but we are getting there! This next Open Evening will be the last before we commit to writing the first draft. At that point a number of checks and balances come into play. Steering Group member, Martin Angold, will provide a forward look at these and where you, as residents, will play your part before casting your vote in a future Neighbourhood Plan referendum. A 51% 'Yes' of all respondents is what is needed to secure the Plan for the future of the Parish.

A SUMMARY OF THE WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH OPEN EVENING

*Welcome, introduction and review by myself, as Chairman of the Steering Group.

***Housing Needs Assessment** - main results from Midlands Rural Housing, Presented by Alison Clamp.

*Keeping Hazelwood special - **Village Design Statement** introduction by Mike Wood, architect

* **The way ahead** - Martin Angold reveals the 'what' and the 'when'.

I look forward to seeing as many Hazelwood residents as possible on the 20th, as we prepare to move the Plan to its next stage.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Kevin Eaton
Chairman
Hazelwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



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