

## **Opening Evening – Held at the Village Hall, on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2020, at 7:00pm Ingleby Cross Village Hall**

George Hunter welcomed residents to the Open Evening, explained its objectives and introduced Frances Barlow, the Beyond Housing's representative. Amanda Madden, the North East Housing Rural Enabling officer came later to the meeting after a prior engagement at Swainby.

### **Planning Status – Former Primary School site and Playing Field**

Clive Walley explained that the Diocese of York had represented its earlier outline planning application, having made only a minor change, by removing the word "detached" from the application. Their reasoning, not shared by the Parish Council was that the Diocese needed to have their site (former primary school site) approved for housing. This would enable them to continue to negotiate with Beyond Housing. The Parish Council wishing to support Beyond Housing's progress had no choice other to ask HDC planning committee to reluctantly pass the Diocese's outline planning application. It was clear to those Parish Councillors attending the planning meeting, that most of the District Councillors wished to support the parish's objectives rather than the specific details of the Diocese's proposals.

### **Housing Development – School Site and Playing Field (part of)**

George then took Frances through the residents' responses and comments made following the Community presentation of Beyond's Housing proposals in late November 2019. Frances responded to George's questions on parking, access to the Recreation ground and various questions on design.

Frances brought the meeting up to date with the status of Beyond's Housing site development activities.

The meeting then moved on to a discussion on how those interested would access "Affordable housing" and what criteria would govern how such housing would be allocated. George undertook with assistance from Amanda Madden to prepare a handout for residents setting out the process.

On Open market houses, Frances was unable to confirm any details on the price of the houses.

George then invited questions from the floor.

### **Reasons for continuing with the Neighbourhood Plan**

Ruth Eastham explained that in 2011 the Government introduced the Localism Act. The aim of the new Bill was to devolve power from central government to local councils and neighbourhoods, and to give local communities more control over housing and planning decisions within their parish. The "tool" needed to take up the new powers would be a Neighbourhood Development Plan. That year a steering group of volunteers was set up to create a Community Plan, designed to collect suggestions for improvements in village activities and changes the Parish residents would like to see happen in the coming years. In early 2012 questionnaires were sent to everyone in the Parish over 11 years of age. Responses to the questionnaires resulted in 32 actions being identified. By 2013, when the Plan was published, 25 of these actions had been completed; 1 was in hand; 4 were

recognised as being not within the power of the Parish Council to resolve, and 2 actions remained outstanding.

The first remaining action was to reduce vehicle speeding in the Parish. Of the many identified solutions most proved not to be possible and there is now a programme of "speed watch" which is attempting to deter drivers from speeding down Cross lane.

The second action was to provide for the housing needs initially identified in 2011. Subsequently several surveys have reinforced this initial finding. The Parish lacks small bungalows into which the elderly can downsize; small houses for young people and families and "affordable houses" for those who are eligible.

In 2014 a new group of volunteers formed a steering group to create a "Neighbourhood Plan", which, when approved at a referendum of all voters within the Parish, will become a legally binding part of Hambleton District Council's and North York Moors National Park's strategic plans.

The approved Neighbourhood Plan will both protect the community from unwanted change and assist in obtaining the changes that the community has repeatedly said that it needs.

### **Changes made to the Pre-submission Version, from the policy consultations draft**

George explained that there were two main changes in the latest draft of the Plan.

The latest draft no longer proposed any new housing sites beyond that of the former school site and part of the playing field. The steering group had reflected on the responses received and decided that to identify further sites and to prioritise them, should be left until a future Housing needs survey had identified a further need for housing, at which point the available sites would be considered by the community.

George explained the second change. The emerging local plan for NYMPA seem to offer the possibility that in the future, the Grain Store site could be considered as a candidate site for a mixed housing development (open market and Affordable houses) rather than just a rural exception site and accommodating only Affordable houses.

### **Next Steps**

Clive Walley then took the meeting back to the timetable for the Neighbourhood Plan which had to go over several more stages:

- Submission of the Final Plan, Community Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions
- Local authority consultation
- Examination
- Referendum.
- Made Plan (if the majority of residents voting in the Referendum, vote for the Plan)

### **Response Forms**

Giving the final comments from the Steering Group at the end of the presentations, Hazel Warhurst, reminded the residents of the closing date (Friday 14th February) and time

(midnight) for returning their Pre- Submission Response Forms. There were several ways they could return their forms:

- In a labelled box in the Blue Bell Inn during opening hours.
- In a labelled box in the Joiner's Coffee Shop daily - between 10.00am and 4.00 pm.
- Handing it to any Councillor or putting it through their letter box.

Whilst we welcomed comments on any part of the document, the residents' views on the updated Policies would be particularly valuable. It was important for each adult in a household to complete a separate form. Spare copies were available if required and the form could also be completed using the online link.

### **Closing Remarks and Q&A**

George then invited questions from the meeting and after responding to questions, closed the meeting, inviting attendees to partake of refreshments.