



Survey on Future Development in Newton

On 25th July 2015, Newton Parish Council invited Parishioners to a ‘**Planning for the Future**’ meeting to ascertain their views on any future development within the village. As a result of this, views were formalised in the form of a survey. This survey was delivered to the house of every parishioner in the village during October 2015. 40% of the parish responded. 28% of the total respondents would be looking to downsize their current accommodation at some point in the foreseeable future.

A series of statements were included in the survey, which were the outcome of the ‘**Planning for the Future**’ meeting and a summary of the survey responses to these are as follows:

77 responses (95.1%) agreed with Statement 1 - “Smaller properties are required instead of building more 4-5 bed homes and there should be a balance of private and affordable housing. This will offer people the flexibility to downsize if they so wish, it will encourage new people to move into the village and it will help young villagers to stay within their own community.”

Other comments collected from the Survey, in support of Statement 1 were as follows: ‘There should be a mixture of smaller and larger properties to avoid transit camps” and include 3 bed properties as there is a shortage. There should be more private housing than affordable, as there are limited facilities in the village.’ ‘Quality should be good but not so high as to make them less affordable.’ ‘High quality, private bungalows which should be attractive to existing residents to downsize to and if we don’t provide for them, we force our older residents to choose between moving out of the village or having to continue to live in properties which are unsuitable, beyond their means to maintain and could be better occupied by younger families.’

82 responses (98.8%) agreed with Statement 2 - “There is no appetite for large-scale developments; new properties, regardless of size, must be built to the highest quality and should enhance the appearance of the village. “

Other comments collected from the Survey, in support of Statement 2 were as follows: ‘One which is good quality, in keeping with the rest of the village and with some affordable housing would be fine in the correct positioning.’ ‘Small developments, high quality and design to compliment the current village.’ ‘Encourage smaller developers with more unique designs than standard square boxes.’

78 responses (95.1%) agreed with Statement 3 - “Small scale infill developments along the A134 may be an appropriate way forward but other possible sites should also be investigated.”

Other comments collected from the Survey, in support of Statement 3 were as follows: ‘I see no reason why spare land at the edge of the village going towards Sudbury should not be used.’ ‘Off the main A134 is best prepared for the services required for these homes.’ ‘Development should not be on A134 but in small groups elsewhere.’ ‘Small scale infill developments should be encouraged over other sites in the village to avoid agricultural land being developed and raising the opportunity for medium to large scale developments.’

A full review of the survey responses can be found on the Newton website.

In Brief

NPC switches to monthly meetings

The councillors have agreed to hold monthly NPC meetings in 2016 in order to address the volume of work being placed on the council at the present time. It is also expected to reduce the duration of an average meeting.

Fireworks 2015

NPC greatly appreciated the support of residents for the fireworks in November. With over 200 people attending the event more than covered its costs and the event will be held again in 2016.

Chilton Woods

By the time you read this newsletter the long awaited planning application for Chilton Woods is likely to be out for consultation with parishes adjoining the proposed development. NPC will be reviewing the proposals and will be interested in hearing your thoughts on any issues you foresee for the residents of Newton. The Newton website will be updated with links for your reference.

eAroundtheGreen

Newton Parish Council provides an email distribution of its notices, publications and events to residents who sign-up to receive the service. Please email dave.crimmin@btinternet.com or use the registration page on the Parish Council pages of the Newton website newton.onesuffolk.net

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Newton is policed by the Babergh West Safer Neighbourhood Team. You can contact the team by ringing **101** or email

baberghwest.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team's website www.suffolk.police.uk also contains some useful information and links for problem reporting. Remember that in the case of an emergency ring **999**.

NPC Meetings

The Parish Council normally holds its meetings on the second Wednesday each month at Newton Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on following dates:

13th January

10th February

9th March

13th April

11th May

15th June

13th July

14th September

12th October

9th November

14th December.

The Public and Press are invited to attend with the Public Forum being held at the start of each meeting. All Newton residents are encouraged to attend.

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on **Wednesday 20th April**.

For further information please look at the Parish Council page on newton.onesuffolk.net

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