

VILLAGE PLAN

BUSINESS ACTIVITY WITHIN THE PARISH OF SHEARSBY.

History shows us that farming and its related industries have been the main stay of Shearsby for centuries and although much has changed in this industry in recent years, we are surrounded by agricultural land and for some, farming is still the main occupation, and the way of life.

However, as well as farming, Shearsby is now home to a number of thriving businesses, and within the village there are six as follows:-

1. Chris Allen - Upholsterer. Chris runs a very thriving business from the outbuildings of his old home, New Inn Farm. He advertises regularly in the Swift Flash.
2. Rachel Burton – School of Motoring. Patient, friendly female driving instructor. Telephone 07790 629251.
3. The Chandlers Arms
4. Barry Jones – Electrician. Stonebridge House Shearsby.
5. Phil Poncelet - Computer Consultancy
6. Phil Stanley – School of Motoring. Established 2003. Your local friendly driving instructor: beginners, pass plus, motorway tuition and refresher lessons.
Website: www.philstanleysom.co.uk Tel:01162478540 or 079391 18148
7. Sally Timms - The Seamstress. Sally operates in an outbuilding of Wheathill Farm. Bespoke alterations, lengthening and shortening of trousers, dresses etc. Also soft furnishings and table linen made to order.

In the wider parish other businesses have been established in recent years. On the Saddington Lane there are five as follows:-

1. Houghtons - Agricultural Engineers.
2. Robert Ball – Handmade furniture.
3. Begleys Joinery – Windows and conservatories.
4. K9 Dog Training and Daily Care. – This place has indoor and outdoor facilities for the daily care and training of up to 40 dogs per day, and being away from the village, it causes no nuisance.
5. Fishing Lakes and restaurant

Our questionnaire asked whether persons would sanction an extension to this business area and the answers were split fairly evenly. The definite NO group were mainly against further development because of the very dangerous cross roads where the Saddington Lane and the Bruntingthorpe Road cross the A5199, and more businesses would bring more traffic.

The YES group felt it would be good to see further businesses develop, but small hi – tech or artisan works, with good quality buildings set amongst trees and bushes to fit in with the rural surroundings. These persons too, felt very strongly about the dangerous cross roads, and pointed out that improvement to the cross roads needed to happen before further development.

On further investigation it was discovered that the electricity to the Saddington Road site comes from Fleckney by cable, and that cable has now reached its limit. A further electricity supply would have to be installed before any further development could be considered.

THE BATH HOTEL.

The Bath Hotel is no longer open to the public for meals and drinks. It hosts weddings, private parties, conferences, corporate events and advertised events, all booked well in advance. When an enquiry was made, they did indicate that they would be interested in occasionally hosting a farmers' type market, should there be sufficient support.

SHEARSBY PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Questionnaire for members of the business community

JOBES AND THE LOCAL ECONOMY

A1 What type of employment should the plan encourage (tick the first box) or discourage (tick second box) ?

Tourism, leisure and crafts (e.g. artists studios) () ()

Transport storage and distribution () ()

Community Services (medical services, council services sports facilities etc.) () ()

Work from home () ()

Light industrial and manufacturing () ()

Agriculture/horticulture related services or production (e.g. food processing) () ()

Hospitality trade (e.g. pubs, cafes, restaurants, B&Bs) () ()

Financial and professional services () ()

A2 Should the development plan consider making more land available for employment purposes? Yes () No () don't know ()

A3 Which type of land should be allocated for employment purposes? (Tick any)

Existing buildings () Brownfield land ()

Redundant farm buildings () Green field land ()

Other please give details.....

A4 Where should any additional industrial land be situated?

Within the village envelope? ()

Along the Saddington Road ()

Along the Bruntingthorpe Road ()

Along the A5199 between Shearsby and Arnesby ()

Elsewhere in the parish () If so where?.....

A5 Would you encourage a mixture of housing and industrial buildings?

Yes ()

No ()

A6 Should we encourage new businesses to locate to Shearsby Parish?

Yes ()

No ()

A7 If the above answer is "yes" what would encourage new businesses to locate to Shearsby Parish?

- More purpose built premises ()
- A mixture of new houses and purpose built premises ()
- Faster broadband ()
- Better principal roads ()
- Other (please specify).....

A8 Should existing employment sites be protected from change of use?

- Yes ()
- No ()
- don't know ()

A9 Do you have any views on jobs and the local economy.....

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING

B1 Do you think the principal roads throughout the parish are adequate to sustain future development? Yes () No ()

B2 Do you think better public transport is needed? Yes () No ()

If Yes tell us how it should be improved.....

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B3 Is there sufficient parking within the village? Yes () No ()

If "No" where could additional parking placed be located?.....

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YOUR BUSINESS

C1 What would help your business to develop and thrive during the next 15 years of the plan period?.....

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C2 Are there any planning constrains or barriers that will or may prevent your business from developing over the next 15 years?.....

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C3 Is your business likely to require additional space over the next 15 years?

| | Up to 50 sq.m. | 51 to 100sq.m. | 101 to 200 sq.m. | 201 or more |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Workshop/Studio | () | () | () | () |
| Office | () | () | () | () |
| Retail | () | () | () | () |
| Storage covered | () | () | () | () |
| Storage open | () | () | () | () |
| Other (please state)..... | | | | |
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FINALLY

D1 In order to demonstrate that public consultation is representative of our community, would you please tick the boxes that best describe the nature of your business.

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| Agriculture, forestry and fishing () | Wholesale and retail trade () |
| Energy and water () | Vehicle repair () |
| Manufacture () | Transport and storage () |
| Construction () | Finance and Insurance () |
| Pubs, B&Bs, Hotels, Restaurants () | Real estate () |
| Training, education, health () | Admin and support services () |
| Professional, scientific, technical () | Arts, entertainment, recreation () |

Other (please specify).....

D2 Please use this space to add any further comments you may have that have not been covered in the survey

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN THE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ENCLOSED NOT LATER THAN 30th AUGUST 2015.

Responses to this survey are anonymous and all data and information collected by this survey will be treated confidentially and will not be passed on to any third parties.