

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: GROUP 2: LAND USE.

Whilst a group of volunteers are working alongside the Parish Council to help formulate the Neighbourhood Plan, it is important that everyone who lives within the parish has the opportunity to contribute.

At present, the group concentrating on LAND USE are attempting to identify areas within the parish which are worthy of "potential protection." Such areas can be in private ownership or public ownership. For example, Mr and Mrs Burton at Thorpehill Farm, and Mr and Mrs Barnacle at Willowbrook Farm, own fields which are under the stewardship of Natural England.

The Land Use Group have identified some areas which we feel ought to be considered for "potential protection," and we need everyone to contribute reasons, either positive or negative so that the result is a corporate decision. Some people may suggest other areas which are not on our list, and we will be pleased to include them providing good evidence is given in support. Evidence can be historical, concerning nature conservation, concerning the village character, or in support of a tree which is a particular landmark.

We ask you to help us by filling in your comments on the attached sheet, and return it to me at Elmsbrook, Fenny Lane, or to David Durran at Beanhill Farm by August 16th 2015. Your answers will be kept to provide evidence for the professionals who will eventually draw up our Neighbourhood Plan.

Yours sincerely, Mavis Jeffery: Secretary to Group 2.

QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE LAND USE GROUP: SHEARSBY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We need to identify for potential protection, green areas, woodland areas and sites of interest for nature conservation within the Parish of Shearsby. We would like you to consider the following, and add your comments in the space provided. Should you wish to add other areas please do so and give your reasons.

1. THE VILLAGE GREEN. THIS GREEN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 6 SQUARE YARDS IN THE CENTRE BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF SHEARSBY IN PERPETUITY. THE PREVIOUS OWNER WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT IT WOULD NEVER BE BUILT ON, AND SO IT WAS ARRANGED AT THE PURCHASE THAT HE WOULD OWN A SMALL AREA IN THE CENTRE TO WHICH HE COULD WALK FROM ANYWHERE ON THE BOUNDARY.

Do you want to see the Green changed / improved in any way?

2. WELFORD ROAD BANK. (adjacent to The Butterpot)

Do you want to see this changed / improved in any way?

3. THE GRASS VERGE BY WELFORD ROAD BUNGALOWS.

Do you wish to see this changed / improved in any way?

4. THE FIELD AT THE TOP OF FENNY LANE WHICH IS NOW NEGLECTED BUT WAS A WILD FLOWER MEADOW, AND THE ADJOINING STREAM AND WOOD, KNOWN AS BEARS' HOLE, WHERE VILLAGE CHILDREN HAVE PLAYED FOR GENERATIONS. THE FIELD HAS TWO FOOTPATHS, AND MANY OF US FOLLOW THE FOOTPATH ROUND WHEN ON A WALK AROUND THE VILLAGE. THE WHOLE AREA SUPPORTS A LOT OF WILDLIFE.

Should this be protected?

5. THE SPINNEY IN SECOND CLOSE, (FIELD 9569) WHICH SUPPORTS BEEHIVES AND BELONGS TO THORPEHILL FARM. ON THE LEICESTER ROUND TOWARDS BRUNTINGTHORPE.

6. THE SPINNEY IN COPNOR BRIDGE FIELD, (FIELD 7355) WHICH IS FULL OF SNOWDROPS IN WINTER AND BELONGS TO THORPEHILL FARM. JUST TO THE LEFT OF THE LEICESTER ROUND TOWARDS BRUNTINGTHORPE.

7. THE FOOTPATH AND SURROUNDING AREA WHICH WAS THE OLD A50 AND CUT OFF IN THE 1970'S WHEN THE ROAD WAS IMPROVED.

8. PLEASE ADD ANY OTHER AREAS / TREES ETC WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED