



SPC NEWS



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Council Comments

A large chunk of this newsletter is devoted to the Neighbourhood Plan but there are a number of other projects on the go.

Mill Lane drains have had work done to stop the flooding down the road when it rains. We are hopeful, but if the problem reoccurs please let us know.

Lighting, Shearsby has six street lamps. All the lights have now been upgraded to LED. The new lights use less energy, dramatically cut carbon emissions and save money.

Fenny Lane Development, with regards to the outline application for the erection of 4 dwellings, Land Off, Fenny Lane, Harborough District Council took the decision to **Refuse** permission.

Our Clerk Phillip Baidon resigned as of the last meeting and Cllr Lynn Cosgrove has taken on the responsibility since, acting unpaid. We wish Phillip well and thank Lynn for stepping up. The position will be decided formally in the new year.

Elections; the next Parish Council elections are to be held on 2nd May 2019. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please speak to a current Councillor or the Clerk for more information.

Council Meeting. Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please contact the Clerk Lynn Cosgrove to add an item to the agenda. You are very welcome to attend the meeting.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

Shearsby Neighbourhood Plan has now been approved by Harborough District Council and will go to **Referendum on Thursday 10th January 2019.**

The Plan can be viewed on the Shearsby Parish Council website and the Harborough District Council website,

Information and posters will be on the village Noticeboard.

Paper copies will be kept in The Chandlers and in the Village Hall.

A paper copy may also be borrowed from the Clerk, Mrs Lynn Cosgrove, White Gates, The Bank, Shearsby, LE17 6PF. Tel: 07850 378 367.

The plan is also available in local libraries.

We encourage you to vote at the Referendum.

You will need to be Registered to vote just as you do for a General Election.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM DAVID, RALF, CHRISTINE, LYNN AND MARTIN



Neighbourhood Planning



What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

In simple terms it is a document that:

Sets out policies that are to be used by Harborough District Council when deciding on planning applications in the Parish - so it carries real legal weight.

Has been developed by the local community, rather than the Local Planning Authority (Harborough District Council), and therefore reflects the priorities and wishes of people living and working in the Parish as far as possible within the context of planning regulations and requirements.

What is the question on the Ballot Paper?

'Do you want Harborough District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Shearsby to help it decide planning applications?'

What would a YES vote mean?

If a simple majority vote YES to the Plan in the Referendum, it will become part of the statutory Development Plan for the District. Any planning decisions and conditions e.g. on housing and the environment, within our Parish must be made with reference to our Neighbourhood Plan.

What would a NO vote mean?

If a simple majority vote NO to the Plan, the local protections and conditions stated in the Policies will not apply and Harborough District Council will make planning decisions based upon Harborough-wide and national policies.

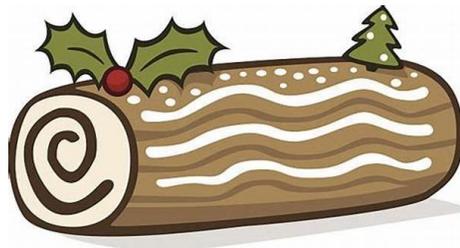
Where can I get more information to help me decide?

Go to Harborough District Council webpage and search for neighbourhood planning referendums, or view Shearsby Parish Council website.

Read a paper copy of the Plan available at the Chandlers and the Village Hall.

Contact the Parish Clerk, Lynn Cosgrove, clerk@shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk
White Gates, The Bank, Shearsby.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU VOTE – IT IS IMPORTANT



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Implications of not having a neighbourhood plan

Without a neighbourhood plan, the community will be increasingly susceptible to speculative housing developments. Local Planning Authorities without a 5-year supply of housing may be unable to refuse planning applications even where they conflict with policies in the Local Plan. Moreover, developments that do take place are unlikely to address local housing need at the neighbourhood level and meet specific local requirements such as smaller, more affordable houses and homes for the elderly. The location of any new housing is often important to communities and the opportunity to direct new housing towards the most suitable locations will be missed without a neighbourhood plan in place.

Important local spaces will be vulnerable to development without the added protection offered by a neighbourhood plan and planning applications will be determined according to district/borough-wide, rather than local, priorities. Important local views may be compromised and the potential to establish 'areas of separation' to help maintain the character of individual settlements will be lost. Locally important buildings and structures will be treated the same as all other buildings and not afforded the added protection that can come from inclusion on a 'local list'.

Community facilities will have less protection from a change of use and opportunities will have been missed to identify new services and facilities that the community needs.

Business development may not take into account local circumstances and the need to recognise the impact on issues such as traffic, noise and fumes .

Specific locally-important features such as design issues, broadband speeds and specific affordable housing requirements may not be incorporated into development proposals.

Increasingly, as more and more communities undertake a neighbourhood plan, those without one will be targeted by developers who recognise the opportunities that are available.

Perhaps most importantly, choosing not to do a neighbourhood plan misses an opportunity to strengthen local democracy, to shape development in the parish, to engage with a wide range of stakeholders whose services have a direct impact on the community and to take control over matters of importance to local people.



Village Hall The perfect venue for your event, meeting or class. The hall and kitchen are equipped to the highest standards and available at competitive rates for organisations and private functions. Contact Jill Stanley on 0116 247 8540.

Table Tennis Table tennis can be played in the village hall on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7.00 - 9.00pm. Contact: Christine Alam or Andy Sharp for more information.

Pilates The Pilates class is every Tuesday starting at 3.15pm in the village hall for 1 hour. It is £5 for a taster session, then £20 for a commitment to 5 sessions. Everyone welcome. Contact Mrs Jane Vann for more information.

Tea Break On the 3rd Tuesday of every month there is a Tea Break in the Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served. It is an opportunity to meet other villagers for a chat. Come and join us on Tuesday 18th December for our Christmas Special. It is on the same day as the **Mobile Library** which parks by the post box from 10.05 am to 10.20 am.

The Church Carol Service with Wigston Band at 6.00pm on Sunday 16th December 2018. As usual the Wigston Band will be present to accompany the carols and perform their solo pieces. Mince pie and sherry afterwards to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Midnight Holy Communion Service at 11.15pm on Monday 24th December 2018 at 11.15pm

Social Bridge Group Social Bridge Group on Tuesday's, from 7pm to 9.30pm. Contact Mavis Jeffery for more information

Carols Around the Christmas Tree Monday 24th December 2018 at 6pm. Christmas carols on the village green. Bring a lantern. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served. Come along and sing all your favourite carols.

The Chandlers, New Year's Eve, A buffet with live music and a disco from 7:30pm. Tickets are available at a cost of just £5.00 / person.



A letter from Matt Howling, Media and Communications officer, Harborough District Council.

Neighbourhood planning is a way for communities to help decide the future of the places where they live and work. Communities are able to choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have their say on what those new buildings should look like, what infrastructure should be provided, and grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead.

Over the last 5 years Harborough District Council (HDC) has been extremely successful in working with communities to delivering Neighbourhood Plans. HDC currently has 15 'made' plans with several due to go to referendum in the New Year.

HDC is supportive of Neighbourhood Planning in all our communities. After a successful referendum a Neighbourhood Plan becomes part of the development plan for the District and is then used by Planning Officers to help determine planning applications in the Neighbourhood Area.

Neighbourhood Plans have already been used in Broughton Astley, Foxton, North Kilworth, Houghton on the Hill, Billesdon and Scraftoft, amongst others, to help determine Planning Applications and ensure housing development is built in the right places. Where communities have provided evidence, Plans have also been used to protect important green areas and community assets from inappropriate development.

Cllr Phil King, Harborough District Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration, said: "Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. We are pleased to be able to support all our communities to deliver Neighbourhood Plans."

Cllr King added: "HDC will continue to help communities prepare new Plans, review existing Plans and use adopted Plans to deliver a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15 or 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people."