

Taverham Neighbourhood Plan

Report from Margaret Garwood and Brenda Clarke

Meeting with Rachel Seabrook on Thursday 25th October 2018

Rachel had been made aware that the meeting was for generating details for the Neighbourhood Plan Policies, which in turn will provide the basis for the determination of Planning applications.

Rachel had view of a map of Taverham and we were able to share our Draft Aims, Vision and Objectives with her.

HOUSING AND THE BUILD ENVIRONMENT

- * Discussion on new proposed Marriotts Park, and how many houses. Would this be another area, we already have Taverham and Thorpe Marriott, now will there be 3 areas as such? Advised they will all be classed as the Parish of Taverham.
- * Concerned about the little pockets of land which are having one or even 2 houses on them. This is spoiling the small green areas of which there are only a few at any rate.
- * She feels there is no real option but to have large developments. Houses are needed, people need places to live, and they have got to go somewhere. New developments will need to go somewhere.
- * New developments need to be built well as they will, as such, be new communities, such as the proposed Marriotts Park. It is important that there is an infrastructure. We need to push for school/s, pub, shops. A community centre is a necessity. Taverham has to look at and be open to lots of new people coming into it.
- * The congregation of St.Edmunds Church have discussed the possibility of a new church building.
- * The issue of affordable and social housing needs to be addressed

TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

- * Reference given to Queens Hill, who has only Sainsbury's as a local shop. One way in and the same way out. A new big development needs various roads in and out. There is no community centre at Queens Hill. At present just houses. You drive to your house, then drive out and about using the same road.
- * Joining up the new NDR was discussed. Rachel is under the impression that it has already been sorted, it is already known where it will go. The consultations are just going through the motions

ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

- * Village now seems to be the wrong word as Taverham is bigger than a village and still growing.
- * It needs to become a community
- * We need more green spaces, certainly with some areas being mini play parks.They have them in the City.
- * We need to try and keep green spaces between Taverham and neighbouring areas. We don't want to become part of Norwich.
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BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

- * Discussed the new build at Fir Covert Road which would give employment opportunities.

COMMUNITY AND SERVICES

- * Taverham need a community building with lots of opportunities for people to attend different activities at this centre
- * A new Church is needed. Possibly joining of other churches. Trinity Church is really out on a limb.

- * Concerns now over youth club Even if they had the help, no room for any more children. Where will children go?
- * Having a swimming pool would be useful. Classes could include those before work, babies and toddlers, schools could use it. The pool would need to be fully inclusive. There was a proposed swimming pool in the pipeline in 1985. The village had started fundraising for one.
- * A sports and Leisure Centre would be popular
- * A coffee shop attached to swimming pool.
- * A definite need for another doctors surgery. The one down Sandy Lane is untenable
- * Having things such as these in place would definitely help with the employment in the area.

OTHER INFORMATION

It is felt that the people of Taverham make Taverham.

However, there needs to be more involvement of the younger people as so many people in the village are on so many different groups (the three of us included)

The Church had discussed not having a Curate but having a Youth Worker.

Rachel did advise that for the first year local schools were becoming involved in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Rachel's

parting words

'LETS BUILD A COMMUNITY'