



How well do you know your parish?

Do you know where the remaining 4 post-boxes in our two parishes are located? There are some clues in each

PARISH MEETING-NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting was held at Astbury Village Hall on 13th March prior to the regular monthly Parish Council meeting. This was attended by 22 parishioners including members of the Parish Council and Cheshire East Councillor Rhoda Bailey, who discussed the proposed Neighbourhood Plan as outlined in the previous mail-shot.

A Neighbourhood Plan differs from the previous Parish plan, in that if adopted by the Parishioners, it would have legal standing and would form part of the local planning process. Whilst we as a Parish would not necessarily be able to stop any development within the Parish, we would be able to have some influence regarding such aspects as development density and design. Some areas such as those of national importance such as HS2 and the military would fall outside the plan and we would have no control over those aspects.

We need a core group of a minimum of eight people to get the Neighbourhood Plan off the ground; this team should include both interested parishioners and Parish Councillors, and parishioner Don Muir, who has had previous experience of similar projects, explained the process at the meeting.

We are looking for parishioners to get involved in forming a development group and whilst we appreciate that with busy lives you may not be able to take on a key role, if you are interested in getting involved in however small a way even if it is helping with a mailshot or sticking stamps on envelopes, please contact Charlie Pointon or any member of the Parish Council. We would be pleased to hear from you. We will need people with a number of skills including IT and marketing. At present we have a team of 6 and need a few more. There will be an initial meeting to be held at the Horseshoe Inn, Newbold Astbury on Wednesday 1st. May at 7.30 pm. All will be welcome! (continues over page)

BARN DANCE

in a REAL BARN!

PIE and PEA
SUPPER

GLEBE FARM ASTBURY

MAY 11th 7.30pm

TICKETS £12.00

music by

THE

SLIPPERY HILL
BOYS

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

an ACE* event supported by Astbury School PFA

There is some funding available already in the Parish Precept and grants are available to help to defray the overall costs which could amount to around £10,000. It could take around 18 months to two years to develop the Plan and we could obtain assistance from CPRE, and we may need to "buy in" expertise to assist us. It will be vital to maintain consultation between the development group and the parishioners throughout the process and once completed, a referendum, (the costs of which would be paid for by Cheshire East) must be held, which, if adopted by the parish would then mean that our plan would form part of the Cheshire East planning process and must be taken into consideration when planning decisions are made.

This is our chance to have a say in the future of our Parishes which could affect development over the next twenty years, so please do join us if you are able to.

Congleton Communicare Charity needs volunteer drivers urgently! Do you have some free time to spare? Then we need you to drive local people to and from their health appointments. Own car required with hours to suit you. Mileage will be compensated.

Contact phone numbers: 01260 270883/ 01260 299589

Parish Council Meetings 2013: May 8th. June 12th. July 10th. August 14th.

The Annual Parishes meeting will take place before the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday May 8th.
At 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served. Please do come along!

Who are we? Please feel free to get in touch.!

Roger Sutton 01260 273677

Charles Kennerly 01260 272205

Phill and Judith Critchlow 01260 272174

Peter Cliff 01260 275700

Andy Banks 01260 281194

Nick Sharman 01260 271374

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Peter Stanway 01260 273532 Sally-Ann Banks 01260 281964

John Carter (Chairman) 01260 275828

Charlie Pointon (Clerk) 01260 274891

We meet in Astbury Village Hall on the 2nd. Wednesday of every month at 7.30 pm. Please feel free to come along.

If you have an item for the next newsletter, any comments, or you would like to sponsor the mailing costs in return for including a leaflet, contact Phill Critchlow. (pcritchlow@talk21.com)

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