

# Quorn Parish Council



## QPC January 2018 - Briefing Note 10

1. **NPAC Meeting Number 9** took place on Monday 8 January 2018. Minutes distributed.

2. **Meeting with Charnwood Borough council:**

A very productive meeting with CBC took place on 25 January at Southfields. They were supportive of our groups work to date and thought that our indicative plan targets were doable. We were informed that CBC is now preparing a new Charnwood Local Plan document, extending the Core Strategy. There could be a target shortfall of some 6,500 units to 2036 but CBC were supportive of our proposed NP housing supply tiered approach. Some discussion took place regarding the responsibility to carry out the Housing Needs analysis.

3. **Implementation Plan:**

Council should be aware that our NP is continuing to our indicative plan and therefore, after approval by the Advisory Committee the plan will be presented to council for approval in May or June.

The plan will contain 'Policies' and 'Community Actions' that are likely to need council follow-up actions. In addition, an 'Implementation and Monitoring Policy' is required. Council should consider how these aspects will be achieved. There are several options, one maybe to keep the NPAC with volunteers running. To be discussed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

4. **Theme Groups Meetings:**

The groups have been working well and will deliver the emerging policies at the March Open Event hopefully all councillors will turn out to support the team. The artists of Quorn are working a way to produce pictures of Quorn's scenes to adorn the document.

5. **Consultation Survey (Questionnaire):**

The Adult & the Young People Community Questionnaire results have been analysed and are being used by the theme groups in their work. All councillors have been copied with their copy of the report and a Headline Summary is attached. It is available on the Quorndon.com web site and a paper copy has been placed in the Community Library. Thanks to the Library.

6. **Next steps Open Event:** this will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th March 2017, 10.00am-1.00pm. The emerging proposed policies that have taken shape will be available to

review before the Plan is drafted. Members of the Theme Groups and the Consultants will be available to answer questions and talk to folks about their work.

## 7. Funding:

No change since the last briefing,

- a. Groundwork UK Locality grant funding: Grant Ref: NPG-03087 - The Community Rights grant (£5,300) is now complete and the End of Grant report was submitted on 6 December and accepted.
- b. Grant Ref: NPG-03858 The next application for £6000, for Neighbourhood Planning Grant and Technical Support was submitted on 6 December and the award confirmed on 22 December. To be spent by **31 March 2018**
- c. The National Lottery Awards for All Grant: Project ID: 0010310366 for £9750 confirmed on 13 July. To be spent by **21 July 2018.**

8. **Next NPAC meeting:** Number 10 - 12th February 2018 at 7pm.

***Remember you can keep up to date by following the Quorn Neighbourhood Plan on Facebook and on Quorndon.com.***



# Quorn Questionnaire responses

## Headline summary ...

### Response

404 responses representing 556 people (plus 4 late responses representing 6 people). This is 13% of the adult population.

64 responses to the young persons questionnaire. Notionally 7% of the u18 population (but a much higher percentage of the 'young adult' population.

### Adult questionnaire

#### Facilities

75% think access is generally good. Problems include shops/GP surgery/footpaths.

Most used facilities – shops/footpaths/park.

69% think facilities are adequate. Parking is identified as a problem.

68% say the allotments are important,

#### Housing

Strong preference for new 2-bed properties. 4+ beds least popular.

Preference for new starter homes and affordable homes. Least need for private rent.

Separation between communities strongly supported (93+%)

Priority expressed for brownfield development and lifetime homes.

#### Employment

41% welcome new office units/small business park.

Opinion mixed in relation to new employment in new development. 38% in favour of retail outlets in new development.

People expressed disappointment at the loss of businesses but are concerned about traffic increases that come with new business development.

#### Environment

Strong support for retaining the character of Quorn.

Only 3% feel that biodiversity is unimportant.

Similar level of support for the preservation of green spaces.

## **Transport**

52% want an additional car park.

65% want car parking charges to be introduced.

The roads where the major traffic issues are present are: School Lane; Leicester Road; Meeting Street; Station Road; Farley Road; Loughborough Road and Woodhouse Road.

The most dangerous roads are considered to be School Lane; Meeting Street; Farley Way and Wood Lane.

201 suggestions for improving road safety.

## **Tourism, leisure and recreation**

Feelings mixed about promoting tourism.

Having a swimming pool and gym are the most wanted new facilities.

Broadband speed (73%) and internet signal (67%) is deemed adequate

## **Quarry**

There is concern about noise and dust but also a recognition of the community contributions made by the Quarry and the availability of local employment opportunities.

There is concern over the Quarry's expansion.

## **Young Person's Questionnaire**

Positive – sense of community; friendliness; safety and attractiveness of Quorn.

Negative – growth and lack of facilities; traffic; litter and drug misuse.

66% think the parish lacks facilities.

Would like more: sports facilities (i.e. swimming); youth club; shelters in the park; a village 'YouTube' channel.