

# Beckford Parish Council

## Notice of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting

### What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

It's our chance to set out priorities for housing development and use of land in our area in the years to 2030. The community can decide the type and scale of development it believes is appropriate, the needs it should be designed to meet and where it should be located. The adopted plan forms part of the formal process and must be taken into account by the housing developers and planners when schemes are brought forward.

If we don't have a plan, then development will happen around us and we'll have to put up with the decisions made by developers and the planners at Wychavon DC. This may not be much of an issue now, but we don't know what's coming in the future: for example, if the A46 is upgraded then we can expect much more interest in development in our area.

### What is the Steering Group?

It is a group of parishioners who have so far volunteered to join the Group and take responsibility for preparing the Neighbourhood Plan with oversight from the Parish Council and assistance from a planning consultant. The draft Plan will in due course need to be approved by Wychavon DC and by the Community in a referendum.

Please come along to the meeting, to learn more about the project, how it will affect you and how you can get involved.

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- (1) Current members of the Steering Group, viz: Daniel Atiyah - Beckford; Diane Colvin - Beckford; Nigel Hasted - Little Beckford; Lynette Mantle - Grafton; David Nicholds - Little Beckford; Martin Spice- Beckford; Paul Worrall - Little Beckford
  - (2) All other residents of Beckford, Little Beckford and Grafton

Take note that the Steering Group will hold its fifth meeting at Beckford Village Hall on **Monday 2 October at 7pm.** The agenda is as follows:

1. To take a record of attendees.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. To review and approve the minutes of the last meeting.
4. To review the Secretary's job description and, in the absence of a new candidate, appoint one of the Steering Group to the role on a basis to be agreed.
5. To receive updates from Steering Group members in the following areas (headings taken from WDC's guide to developing a neighbourhood plan, Apr-16):

### Getting started

- a. Produce a list of contacts - Done
- b. Timetable - Review after exhibition
- c. Costs / funding - Secured for exhibition and survey
- d. Produce a programme for developing the plan - Done as part of timetable
- e. Develop a communication strategy - Review after exhibition

### Identifying the issues

- f. Create a profile of the area - Done
  - g. Identify assets and designation - Members to comment on Martin Spice's draft presented at the September meeting
  - h. Agree NP boundaries - David Nicholds update
  - i. Review existing plans and strategies - David Nicholds update
  - j. Discussions with stakeholders:
    - Exhibition date and venue - David Nicholds
    - Exhibitors - David Nicholds/Paul Worrall
    - Exhibition invite - Lead draftsman to be appointed
    - Survey - Lead draftsman to be appointed following a consideration of John Colvin's initial draft and those produced by other councils
  - k. Summarise findings to identify the area's strengths and weaknesses - Review after exhibition
6. To invite further volunteers from other Community attendees.
  7. To agree the date of the next meeting.