

## **Neighbourhood Plan Report – PC Meeting 060916**

### **Two main tasks in progress throughout August:**

#### **1) Task1 - Buildings Survey**

This has been a marathon task carried out by Bob Bowman and involving him walking around the Parish and recording the main features of the 200+ buildings that we have – including information about period, design and building materials and flagging any particularly noteworthy characteristics.

The information will now be coded for input to a database and then processed – and linked to our spatial information system. This will give us the basis for characterising the different areas of the village and for developing a record of any important but undesignated assets. It will also be useful for commenting future planning applications (and has already been used for this purpose)..

#### **2) Task2 - Analysis of questionnaire survey**

The main results of the survey have now been analysed and graphs produced. These are on show to the village this evening – in a format that follows the original survey questions – so hopefully straightforward to interpret and will encourage feedback. We will be able to meet villagers after the meeting to answer questions. With the kind permission of the Vicar and Church Warden the exhibition will be moved to St Mary's where it will remain on display this weekend and every day throughout the autumn so that visitors and second homeowners can see what we are doing.

- The overall pattern of results is indicative of strongly held views and the charts show high levels of agreement on most issues. Not much sitting on the fence – and the response to the questionnaire was very similar for both residents and second homeowners.
- They show how much value we place on our local environment, peace and tranquillity, where peoples' concerns lie about possible future developments – what form any future housing should take and parishioners' preferences in terms of layout, design and building materials.
- More detailed work is being undertaken and analysis of all the comments and suggestions entered on individual questionnaires will be carried out – a substantial task that will take time.

#### **3) Other work**

In addition to the two main tasks we also had our first meeting with the specialist Planning Consultant appointed to help us. This included a tour of the Parish taking in the main village, Broadwater Road, listed buildings, the reserves and also Drove Orchards.

The tour had the dual benefit of allowing him to familiarise himself with the characteristics of different areas and allowing us to demonstrate at first hand some of the issues that we want to tackle through the Plan. We were also able to show him some of the preliminary results of the questionnaire survey and he has subsequently responded with some ideas of policies that we could give some thought to.