

# Village Hall Consultation Events/Workshops, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

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The consultation events comprised two open meetings during Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Invitations had been delivered on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May to every household within Walton Parish. Posters had been set up at key village points during the days before the meeting – all advising on the consultation meeting and extending a warm welcome for all to attend. The circularised note (copy attached) laid out the reason and the aims of the meeting.

The purpose of the (2 hour) repeated sessions (one am and one pm) was to,

- To support the village in developing a strong sense of ownership for its future.
- To ensure the formulation and delivery of a truly representative Neighbourhood Plan.
- To begin to identify the things that matter to the people of Walton (vision and principles)

Each session comprised,

- An introduction by the Parish Council
- An update by the chair of the Neighbourhood Planning group
- A presentation by a member of the Planning group presentation, (attached).

The bulk of the meeting was spent on group discussions with a view to identifying the things that mattered to the community of Walton. Broad discussion prompted by a questionnaire proved very successful and the outcome of the feedback session is attached in summary/ graph form.

The attendance amounted in total to 34. The discussion was good, thoughtful and active. Refreshments were available and a spare children's area had been created to ensure that families would feel welcome. Questionnaires were also provided to those who were unable to attend – but wished to make a contribution. A further 45 questionnaires were completed on that basis.

General feedback was extremely positive and a subsequent note was sent to all households which provided a breakdown of the findings.

A further meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> June, to build on these early findings – principally to settle on vision and principles – and a more focussed consideration of housing sites.

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