

## UPDATE ON ROECLIFFE & WESTWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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At our last Parish Assembly in April a quick run through of the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire results were given. It was also said that there would be regular updates as to the progress the Team working on the Neighbourhood Plan (N.P.) is making.

At the end of the day our N.P. has to be accepted by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC), and once that is achieved then it has to be accepted by at least 50% of Roecliffe & Westwick residents. At that time HBC will include our N.P. into their Local Development Plan, and our N.P. will be consulted by HBC when any Planning Application comes up from Developers, or individuals.

The Questionnaire showed that 50% of residents thought further housing was required, and 50% didn't! We have not started to find out from those who thought new housing necessary as to how many, and the type of housing.

What we have focussed on are the three main areas where there was virtual unanimous agreement that something needed to be done.

First, parking and traffic speed in Roecliffe. Two members of the team are looking into this and have identified and started visiting key stakeholders. They have been to Reed Boardall, Paynes Dairies and visited the Headmistress of Roecliffe Primary C of E School. The Crown Inn in Roecliffe has yet to be visited. Reed Boardall do not give the village much trouble with their lorries, except parking overnight, which they try to control. Their drivers, however, do complain of the speed people drive along Bar Lane, especially parents taking children to school.

Paynes Dairies are developing land up Brickyard Road for parking up to 40 of their vehicles. The school understand our concerns and do communicate with parents delivering and picking up children from school. If a Village Car Park could be developed on the Boroughbridge side of Roecliffe then the children could walk to school from there. The new bus time table which no longer has a 9.03am bus service has helped the traffic problem.

Second, another group has been visiting Land owners to see if any of them have any building plans in the near future, If we were to try and develop a Village Car Park with maybe land alongside for limited house building, then we would need a plot of land.

Third, there is need for a Village Meeting Place. Three buildings are being considered. These are the village school, the church and The Coach House at The Crown. So far only the school has been visited, and already it seems that we can use that far more than we anticipated, and also have the possibility of using training facilities as well. A visit to the Churches Conservation Trust will be made shortly to see if there is any possibility to modify our church for more flexible use. A visit to The Crown has yet to be made.

What is already up and running is our Roecliffe website. By going into [www.roecliffevillage.org.uk](http://www.roecliffevillage.org.uk) one will be able to get up to date information as to what is happening locally together with key points to come out of any village meeting ie Parish Council, WI, Church Council meetings etc. If anyone has information to put on the village website then they should contact Richard Booth ([rycorichard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rycorichard@hotmail.co.uk))

The N.P. Team really appreciate the further 16 people who said that they would help, if asked, with the development of our N.P.. That time is fast approaching and for a start you are all being invited to our next N.P. Meeting which will take place in the school on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. Hopefully this meeting will not last more than 90 minutes.

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***P.S. If any of you who have received a hand delivered copy of this Update, have an email address, can you please let Jim Bolland ([j.bolland@hotmail.com](mailto:j.bolland@hotmail.com)) know so that in future further updates can be sent to you by email. Many thanks.***