

# **Plaistow & Ifold Parish Council**

## **Meeting of Neighbourhood Plan groups**

7:30pm 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Winterton Hall Plaistow

Present :

### **From Parish Council**

Stuart East  
David Ribbens  
Apologies from John Kirby

### **From Ifold Group**

Sara Burrell  
Francoise Lillywhite  
Greg Osbourne

### **From Plaistow Group**

Dean Wheeler  
Angela Jeffery  
Sophie Capsey

The meeting was opened by SE who set out the purpose of the meeting which had been convened to begin the process of looking at the work which had been done so far by the two groups in respect of the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

Ifold Group

SB set out the steps taken in Ifold to consult with residents. These included an initial public meeting at Christmas and a subsequent open weekend where residents had been asked to contribute their input into how they would like to see the Parish develop.

A total of 248 people attended and registered their interest in the project and a number of themes were beginning to emerge. In particular the issues of footpaths and the provision of a play area were found to be of significance. In addition, areas such as the sustainability of future development and in particular the foul water drainage system were highlighted as key issues during this process.

The group felt that it was vital that an open approach be taken to the consultation process in order that all members of the community could be involved and not feel intimidated.

Future plans include the detailed collation of the feedback received.

### Plaistow Group

DW set out the steps taken to consult with residents of Plaistow. A number of meetings had been held starting in the summer of 2012 which were led by the Plaistow Village Trust although this initial base had now been widened to include other residents of Plaistow, Durfold Wood and Shillinglee.

The group had focused initially on open spaces and had made sure that households within the area were aware of what was being done. The group had also considered affordable housing which it was felt could be accommodated as part of a rural exception site. They had identified that as a rural area that it was only necessary to consider the rural aspects of the NPPF and had taken legal advice to this effect.

There is a view that the overwhelming majority of people want to retain green spaces in the Parish. The centre of the village of Plaistow has recently had its Conservation Area reviewed and it was felt that this helped to control any development within that area.

### General Points

A number of points were seen as important both from the work that has been done in Plaistow and from the Ifold public consultation. These included the level of traffic through the Parish, the generational demographic gap and the fact that some businesses are marginal from an economic point of view.

### Moving Forward

There was some discussion regarding the next steps in the consultation process and how the two groups might begin to engage with the wider community across the Neighbourhood Planning area. Three key areas which need to be addressed in this respect are housing, footpaths and traffic although these areas are by no means the only ones which need to be taken forward.

It was agreed that this consultation process should involve the whole community and that it will probably be necessary to engage some external help from planning professionals. It was also agreed that it would be desirable for all of those involved in the coordination and management of the process to undergo some basic training in neighbourhood planning.

### Actions

It was agreed that FL should approach the Glasshouse Trust in order to investigate the possibility of organising both training and facilitation of the process. It was also agreed that SE should distribute the email addresses of all present to each attendee in

order to improve communication. Finally it was agreed that we would begin to place documents on the Parish Council website where they can be available for all of the community to see.