

## **Public Meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan for Tillside Parish held at Chatton Village Hall from 7pm on 14 October**

10 of 14 Parish Councillors attended with prior apologies received from 3. Including Councillors, some 78 people attended the meeting and with names and contact details obtained for the vast majority. (One or two by-passed our reception or came late.)

Councillors welcomed all attendees, offered refreshments and asked them to post their thoughts on what they like, don't like and what they would like to see about the Parish.

The Chairman then welcomed everyone, explained the purpose of the meeting and provided some background. He then introduced Peter Rutherford from NCC who gave a presentation. Amongst other things, Peter emphasised that a Neighbourhood Plan -

- \* gives you teeth to manage planning and to make sure that NCC know our wishes
- \* is LOCAL not STRATEGIC
- \* is a lengthy process ending in a REFERENDUM needing 51% or greater to pass
- \* will involve independent scrutiny
- \* needs confidence, energy and determination (2 to 3 years to complete process)
- \* must be conformant with NCC core strategy
- \* must contribute to sustainable development
- \* needs careful planning of resources

Please find attached a copy of Peter's presentation.

After a number of questions and clarification around the benefits and downsides of having an NP, the Chairman emphasised that Governance arrangements would be important. And in particular, if the Parish was to go ahead with an NP, we would be looking for the involvement, expertise, knowledge and support of local residents. We were pleased to note that we had at least 8 volunteers on the night.

Towards the end of the meeting Councillors fed back the views from the post-its which identified a number of issues for Tillside Parish currently.

In closing the Chairman asked for a vote for those in favour of a neighbourhood plan. The vote was 36 for, 7 against, with a large number of abstentions.

Richard Tebay.