

Lambley Parish Council

Many thanks to the 100+ residents of Lambley Parish who attended the meeting on 14th November 2007 in the Village Hall.

The purpose of the meeting was to educate and disseminate information about a **PARISH PLAN** and to form a Steering Committee.

A Parish Plan **empowers** Parish Councils to get more action taken over issues arising in the community – i.e. more notice should be taken of us. In order to get grants we have to go through a **consultative process** in the community. There are no short cuts. This will take about 18 months.

As a result of the meeting a **Steering Committee** was formed of around a dozen people. It consists of residents of Lambley Parish as well as members of the Parish Council and Adrian Nash, Headteacher of Lambley Primary School. Matters that were brought up in the meeting were:-

1. Planning
2. Traffic management including speeding
3. The opening of the shop/Post Office
4. Camping in the Millennium Wood and the siting of a caravan.

The **Parish Council** has made attempts to tackle these issues.

1. **Planning**

The Parish Council make comments about planning applications which are sent to the meetings. They are also monitored via the website between meetings. Gedling Borough Council make decisions within the framework of the Structure Plan and the Conservation Policy. Margaret Meadows sat in on the Structure Plan meetings and responded to the Core Strategy. The positive aspect was that the inspector upheld the Green Belt despite pressure from builders and Nottingham City Council. We do not receive any feedback from GBC on our comments. We only know the results of the decisions by monitoring the website. The Government made provision for "one off" eco houses to be built.

2. **Traffic Management**

Meetings were organised by Mark Spencer – County Councillor – with Ian Parker of Highways. These were also attended by Cyril Spencer, Chris Starr and Margaret Meadows. For any action to be taken we have to establish a need. Lambley Parish Council were independently going to purchase three interactive road signs. We are not allowed to do this – we have not established a need! We have asked for action to be taken over speeding traffic, particularly on the lanes with no pavements. Carlton Police cannot spare us an hour of their time.

Policing – The Special Constable – John Hollins – attends Parish Council meetings. He does patrols around the village and thefts and vandalism have been reduced. The camper in the Millennium Wood was reported to the police. The officer that attended was asked if he knew the area – was he local? He replied that he came from Worksop!

3. **Shop/Post Office** – Hopefully the shop will be sold and reopened. A mobile Post Office may be available to come to the village if no facilities are provided.

4. **The Future** – We hope this gives some information on the issues which seem to worry people. We do tackle problems around the village but at present some issues seem to be beyond our control. We are hoping that a Parish Plan will give us more control.

In January a Steering Committee will meet and a questionnaire drawn up. This will ensure every resident has a chance to state which issues are worrying them. From this questionnaire a hierarchy of issues will emerge – i.e. most important/realistic problems we will tackle.

COST We will gain a grant to implement a Parish Plan. It will not affect the amount of council tax the Parish pays. Up-to-date friends, family and members of the Parish Council have designed, photocopied and delivered leaflets – the hire of the Lambley Village Hall for the meeting was free.

Steering Committee Meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2008

Steering Committee

Rose Melvin	9313556	Lawrence Milbourne	9313701
Joan Garvey	9313517	Sue Hunt	9673968
David Burton	9312261	Tam Young	9312420
John Brailsford	9313967	(Representing younger people)	
Margaret Meadows	9313203	(Parish Council)	
Adrian Nash	9313515	(Lambley Primary School)	