

DRAYTON 2020 Look and Feel Working group

Meeting held 7- 8.30 p.m. on 12th October 2012 at 11 Newman Lane

Present Janet Manning, John Scott, Tom Shebbeare
Apologies from Michelle Ainscough

It was suggested that we need to start with what we want to achieve in terms of how we would like the village to look in 2020 and consider additional housing in relation to that vision.

The discussion focused on an idea for a new village centre with housing around a Green and a new village hall. The village hall could possibly be constructed from an existing barn that could be moved and renovated for purpose.

The creation of a kiln as a centre piece of the new Green would be a link to the historical production of bricks in the village.

There was further discussion about the 'look and feel' of any new housing. The following points were made:-

Retain and enhance the rural character of the village.

Focus on lower density development, with either private gardens and/or public planted areas.

Avoid regimented development.

A variety of housing types and sizes with reference to the housing survey carried out earlier this year.

Creation of a housing code re e.g. brick colour.

Provision of sheltered housing for elderly residents (the housing survey showed a demand for 1 or 2 bedroom housing and the suggestions from the village meeting indicated a need for sheltered accommodation).

Sites for housing.

Sites that consolidate the shape of the village were favoured. i.e. the 3 sites to the south of the village and the central site between Abingdon Road and Church Lane. The latter already has planning permission granted.

Tree Planting

This was also seen as important. An avenue of trees along Steventon Road was discussed, to be achieved by planting along the east side of the road. Further trees along roads in the west side of the village were also proposed.

Footpaths

Footpaths and bike tracks were seen as giving 'flow' through the village and encouraging people to avoid the use of cars. Upgrading of some footpaths with gravel would help make them better all weather surfaces.

The last 2 points need further discussion to flesh out ideas.

Further members of the group may be recruited as people indicate their interest.

Date of next meeting:-

Thursday 1st November 7.45 p.m. at 11 Newman Lane

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