

**BRACKENFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
INITIAL MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SETTING UP GROUP
AT THE PLOUGH, BRACKENFIELD
ON THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 2017 AT 6PM**

Present: Linda Walker, Martin Philips, Peter Pilsbury, Michael Poole, Billie-Jean Poole, Stefan Priest, Graham Keeton, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards, Anne Edgar, Joe Dugdale (Rural Action Derbyshire), Jane Bush

JD explained that Brackenfield Parish Council had made the decision to apply to NE Derbyshire District Council for designation as a Neighbourhood Area and there would follow a consultation period of 4 – 6 weeks.

The Neighbourhood Plan should be viewed as a Development Plan spanning the next fifteen years and involves gathering evidence, opinions and knowledge of stakeholders and residents in order to create appropriate policies. The Neighbourhood Plan has to fit within the Local Plan, which is now close to completion and has the same force in planning law. Thorough consultation throughout the process should lead to a plan that is acceptable to the community and can be adopted at the final referendum stage.

The role of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee is to steer the process with assistance from the Consultant who guides and feeds in information. The Committee should publicise meetings, meet regularly (probably monthly) and be open to people joining or leaving at any time. Specific tasks can be delegated to sub-groups. The committee requires a chair and secretary. Early tasks include forming a vision of what is to be achieved and to make an action plan.

JD estimated that for a community the size of Brackenfield it should be possible to complete the process within 12 – 18 months.

The following people offered to join the Steering Group:

Linda Walker, Martin Philips, Peter Pilsbury, Michael Poole (?), Stefan Priest, Graham Keeton, Mike Edwards, Christine Edwards, Anne Edgar, Jane Bush

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd May at 6pm at The Plough