

# Quorn Neighbourhood Plan



**LAUNCH OF THEME GROUPS**

**11 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**DENNIS MARCHANT - NP  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR  
GARY KIRK - YOURLOCALE**



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# Welcome

Dennis Marchant

Chair

Quorn NP Advisory Committee



# Yourlocale



- *Yourlocale* – NP Consultancy
- Gary Kirk – Former CEO of Housing Regeneration Company; Neighbourhood Planning Examiner; Parish Councillor
- Associates:
  - John Martin – Environment
  - Derek Doran – Housing
  - Mike Preston – Comm. Facilities/Employment
  - Richard Weston – Transport
- Currently supporting 25 + NPs
- First 7 passed Examination



# What is Neighbourhood Planning?



- Transfer of planning powers to communities
- Part of Localism Agenda
- Simplification – current system remote and complex
- Opportunity for local people to shape and determine Planning Policy.
- Involves drafting of detailed policies that form part of decision making process. Statutory basis. Different from a Parish Plan
- Covers issues such as housing; open space; town centre; design; roads; community and heritage assets; infrastructure
- Needs strategic compliance





# What does it involve?



- Routinely 18-24 months to complete
- Few prescribed stages:
  - Designation as Qualifying Body
  - Preparing the Plan:
    - ✦ Scope of Plan
    - ✦ Consultation – Parishioners and stakeholders
    - ✦ Developing the detail (Theme Groups). Exploring the issues & considering solutions; Evidence base – socio-economic; policy conformity;
    - ✦ Writing Policies
  - Pre-Submission consultation
  - Formal publication by local authority – further 6 week period
  - Independent Examination
  - Referendum
  - Plan ‘Made’. Statutory force





**Neighbourhood Plan  
What's happened so  
far.....**

March 2006

**The  
Community  
and Parish  
Council  
started  
working  
together on  
the Quorn  
Village**





April 2008

**The Quorn  
Village  
Design  
Statement  
accepted  
by  
Charnwood  
Borough**



# May 2015

15/083b Neighbourhood Plan -  
proposed that the Council agrees to the  
creation of a neighbourhood plan for  
Quorn and that the Borough Council be  
requested to accept it as a designated  
area.

advised that the group currently  
consisted of nine volunteers.

Suggested that the group become a  
sub-committee of the Council at a later  
stage.

**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.

## The Quorn Parish Council decided to have a Neighbour hood Plan

2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016

**The Quorn  
Parish Council  
decided to re-  
engage with  
the  
Neighbourhood  
Plan process**

16/115e Planning Scrutiny Group – Neighbourhood Plan – it was proposed that the Council re-engage with the Borough Council and advertise for community volunteers to join the project team.

Planning Scrutiny Group explained that the Planning Scrutiny Group had agreed that Council needed to seek a view about whether there is a commitment to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED:** That the motion be carried.

14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Council Planning  
Scrutiny Group has  
preliminary meeting  
with C'  
Borou**





# 31st October 2016.

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Quorn  
parish Council

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Loughborough  
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LE11 2TU

28<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Application for designation as a 'neighbourhood area'**

Under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Quorn Parish Council as the 'relevant body', hereby formally submits an application to Charnwood Borough Council as the local planning authority, for the designation of a neighbourhood area pursuant to the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

At a meeting of full council held on 2 August 2016 Quorn Parish Council, resolved to instigate proceedings leading to the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council intends to establish a working group which includes both Councillors and local residents. The working group will seek to develop a neighbourhood plan in consultation with Quorn residents and with the planning authority in accordance with recommended practice and procedures.

The key characteristics of Quorn Parish:

Quorn is a large village and civil parish within the Borough of Charnwood in Leicestershire, situated in an attractive rural position in the Soar Valley on the eastern fringe of Charnwood Forest. The village retains many of the qualities of a rural settlement with generous green spaces, countryside walks and a unifying architectural theme based on traditional details and scale and the use of local construction materials - brick, stone, slate and rough cast render. The historic core has been designated a Conservation Area.

According to the 2011 census it has a population of 5,177. There was no Quorn when the Domesday Book was produced in 1086 because the area was then open countryside where the Lord of the Manor of Barrow-on-Soar and Beaumanor came to hunt. Ancient track ways crossed this land, including a route from Loughborough towards Leicester and a track from Barrow's medieval bridge towards Beacon Hill and onwards. Where the tracks crossed is now known as Quorn Cross and on a slight rise nearby a chapelry was built, parts of which are retained in the church. The church dates from 1153 and until 1868 was linked to the mother church at Barrow-on-Soar. It is built of local granite and retains evidence of its

Quorn Parish  
Council  
submitted  
application to  
Charnwood  
Borough Council,  
for the whole of  
Quorn Parish to



February 2017

Quorn Parish  
Council  
conducted an  
open tender  
process for  
professional  
support in  
developing it's





March 2017

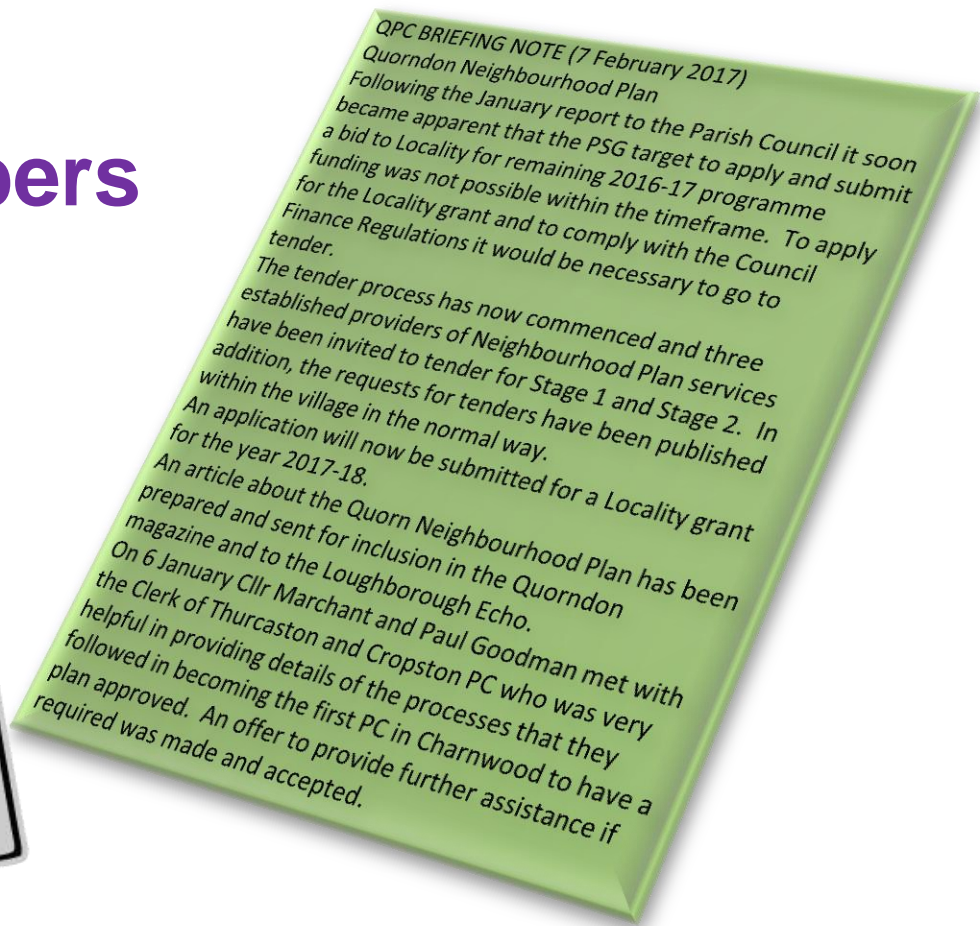


**Community  
volunteers  
sought and  
the village  
informed via  
articles  
published in  
the local  
press and on**



# 2016/17

The Full Council are kept informed of progress by the provision of regular Briefing Papers



# 2016/17

## Quorn Parish Councillors and Staff attend:

## Leicestershire Neighbourhood Planning Networking Events

## and Councillor Training Sessions



# May Day Event 2017



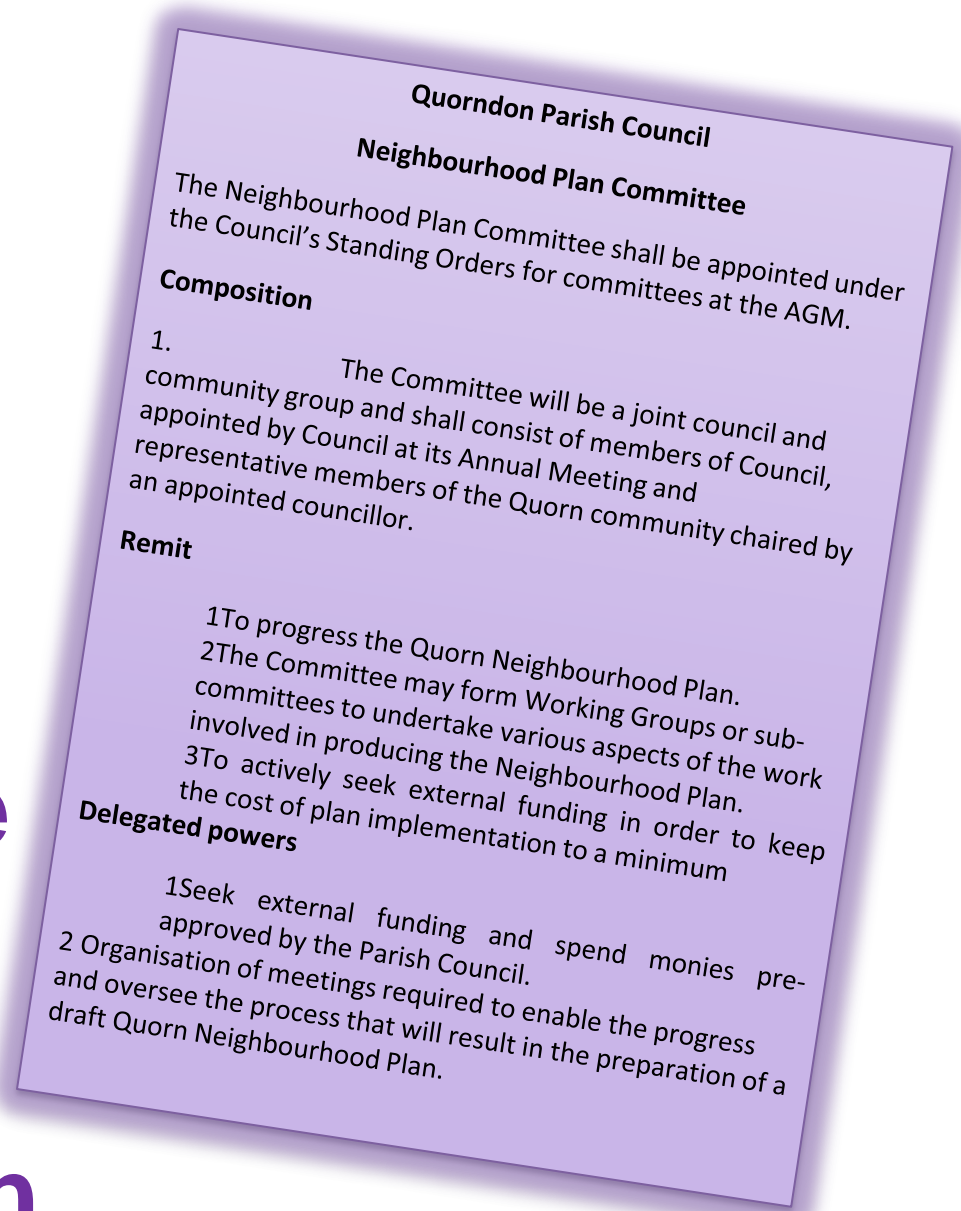
**Residents are introduced to the Plan  
- Positive Response**



**We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers**

2 May 2017

The Council  
accepts a  
proposal that  
the  
Neighbourhood  
Plan Committee  
become a  
'Committee' in  
accordance with





# 15th May 2017

## Meeting 1

The First  
'Neighbourhood Plan  
Advisory Committee'  
meeting is set for  
15th May at 17:30 in  
the Village Hall  
committee room

**NPAC is formed**

**4 volunteer  
councillors**

**22 community  
volunteers**

# 19 June 2017

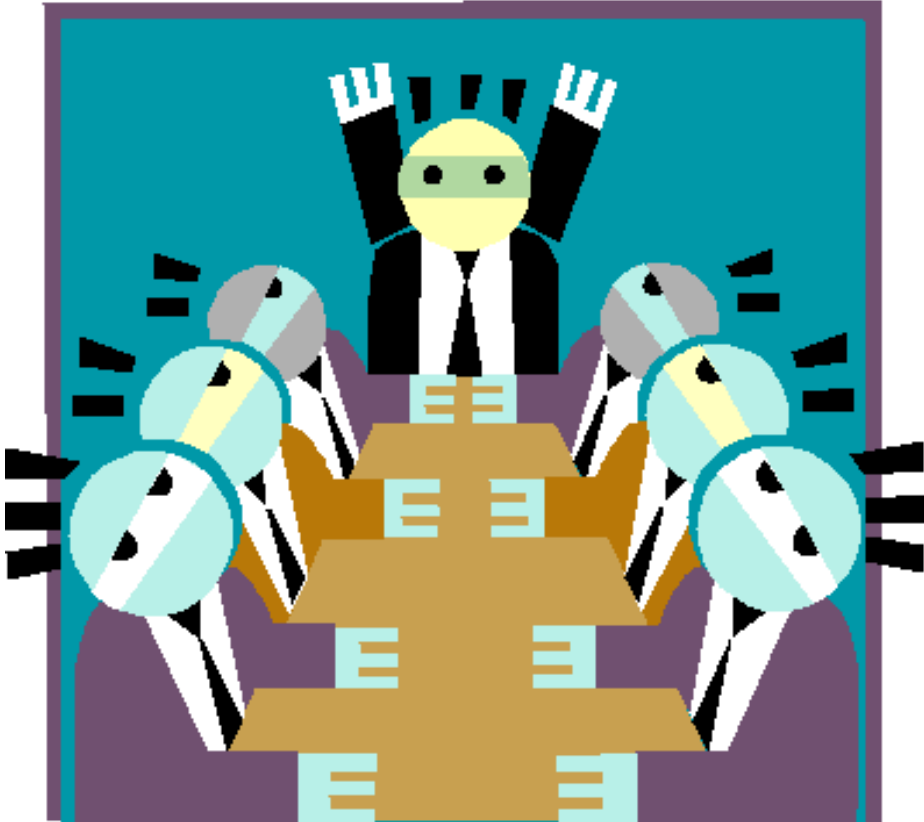
## Meeting 2

- QPC volunteering policy
- Visioning exercise
- Funding Update
- Identification of stakeholders



# 17 July 2017

## Meeting 3



- Questionnaire
- Logo
- Vision statement
- Communication
- Open event discussion

# 14 August 2017

## Meeting 4

- **Open event preparation**
- **Plan review and updates**





# 19 August 2017

## The Journey Continues

**Logo**  
Your chance to vote for the children's designs

Theme group forums

This is your chance to have a say on your village's future!

Have an input to your community, traffic and transport issues

Opportunity for the community to find out about their Neighbourhood Plan

**QUORN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN 'OPEN EVENT'**

**SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST**

**10AM TO 1PM**

**VILLAGE HALL**

Help identify suitable sites for **environmental protection** and **housing developments**

People to answer your questions

Display boards with relevant and local information on, guidance notes about your neighbourhood plan

You **will** be welcome  
You **will** be able to contribute

A community project facilitated by:

*Quorn parish Council*

**Free refreshments**





# What is still to be done?

- Questionnaire to be finalised
- Theme Groups to continue into the New Year
- Evidence gathered, policies written in the spring
- Further consultation – spring/summer?
- Submission to Charnwood BC
- Independent Examination
- Referendum

# Role of Theme Groups - Gary



- Each Theme Group will tackle a specific theme and its issues over a period of 4 – 6 meetings:
  - ‘brainstorming’ the issues involved in the theme;
  - defining the desired community objectives for the theme & barriers to achieving them/solutions - and considering evidence;
  - considering options and producing planning policies (with support) which will ensure the community objectives for the theme are achieved;
  - confirming the evidence needed to support the policies.



# Environment – John Martin



- Protection of specific sites – evidence gathering and prioritising – Local Green Spaces; others?
- Areas of Separation;
- Protection of trees/hedgerows;
- Protection/enhancement of footpaths etc;
- Energy Efficiency measures;
- Flooding;
- Heritage issues;
- Environmental elements of new development.





# Housing and Built Environment – Derek Doran



- Tenures, type and size of housing – is it the right mix?
- Housing for elderly or for young couples?
- Affordable housing requirements – rent/shared ownership?
- Prioritise social housing for local people;
- Number, type, density and location of houses:
- Design. What features are wanted?
- Potential housing sites;
- Limits of Development.



# Employment/community facilities Mike Preston



- Protection of existing businesses?
- Support for new businesses?
- Protection of community facilities
- Prioritise developer contributions
- Broadband?
- Farm diversification



# Transport – Richard Weston



- Impact on road network?
- Speeding?
- Parking?
- Congestion?
- Traffic management ....
- Footpaths

Thank you!



Any Questions?

Dennis Marchant  
Gary Kirk

