

## LINTON CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

*Notes on the PUBLIC MEETING held in the LINTON VILLAGE HALL at 6pm on TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010*

### REVISED

#### PRESENT

Conservation Officer, Mr M. Parkinson, Dianne Cunningham and one other MBC Officer  
40 residents from the village

*Cllr. Whitmarsh, vice Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everybody to the meeting, introduced the MBC Officers and invited Mr Parkinson to speak to the Draft Management Plan*

*Before proceeding Mr Parkinson announced that the Public Consultation Period had been extended until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010*

*Mr Parkinson then gave a brief but informative background to the drawing up of Conservation Area Management Plans, the process that had to be followed and the Guidelines issued by Central Government. He stressed that in drawing up a plan Policy guidelines had to be followed. Mention was made to the Local Development Plan and the approved SEPlan Structure Plan and the need to work within policies adopted.*

*He then took the meeting through the Draft Plan section by section drawing attention to proposed boundary changes, the inclusion of Linton Park, principles of Development Control. Enhancement to buildings , enforcement strategy, buildings in disrepair, Trees Wirescape, Traffic Management and the summary of actions*

*Cllr Whitmarsh thanked Mr Parkinson for his informative resume of the Plan and expressed a view, which he believed was generally supported, that the inclusion of Linton Park was to be welcomed. He also welcomed the section on traffic management, and asked that the Parish Council be kept informed of developments. We would be happy to assist in this area, if the opportunity should arise*

*He then invited questions from the meeting:*

*There then followed a lively Question and Answer Session which covered two main areas about which there was considerable concern*

- a) The reason for Boundary Changes and the seemingly lack of clarity for the changes proposed.*
- b) The reason for the non inclusion of Vicarage Field , part of which was previously in the Conservation area. There were a number of inconsistencies in the reasoning for its exclusion*

*Why were the Allotments not included?*

***\*\* Very STRONG opinions were express about both the above, particular b), and attention was drawn to the PC's view, expressed in its response to the original consultation, which had been ignored.***

***It was reported that the Chairperson of the local branch of the CPRE had indicated their support to the extension of the Conservation Area to include Linton Park and would wish to see the inclusion of all of Vicarage Field and the Allotment Gardens in Wheelers Lane.***

***Mr Parkinson attempted to answer the concerns of residents who in the main were not convinced. There remained very strong feelings about the proposed exclusion of Vicarage Field.***

***Cllr Mortimer asked the Officers about procedure, time tabling and if there would be any opportunity for residents to comment on the Final Plan before it went to Cabinet and the MBC for Approval***

***The meeting was advised that once the consultation period was over the final plan would be drawn up, taking note of concerns etc and a professional judgement would be made on the issues that had been raised. It was hoped to clear the document before the end of the financial year ... ie. 31<sup>st</sup> March. Further consultation on the final document would be possible before it went to Cabinet and the public would have the opportunity to comment when the document was discussed at the Council meeting. Time was however short if the March deadline was to be achieved.***

***Cllr Parr asked if the proposed timetable could be extended to ensure that, in the light of the very strong feelings expressed at the meeting, meaningful consultations could be held with residents on the final proposal. Officers agreed to consult with the Cabinet Members responsible and would advise Cllr Parr within a day or two.***

***Cllr Whitmarsh advised the meeting that the PC would be formulating its views at the PC Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and indicated that Parish Councillors would welcome views from residents. In conclusion he pointed out that the Management Plan contained much good material and hoped that it would not be judged purely on issues regarding the boundary.***

***There being no further questions , he thanked the MBC Officers for their contribution, thanked the residents for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7 25pm***