

Bredenbury & District Group Parish Council

Last month I explained how we have set up a Steering Group to support the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This group meets regularly to put together the framework for our plan under the guidance of our Consultant, Ian Culley. However, the design of our NDP and its content is very much for all of us who live in the three parishes of Bredenbury, Grendon Bishop and Wacton. For most of us, and despite the many other aspects of a NDP, the core issue is planning and housing development. We do not have a choice about the number of houses to be built as these targets are set by the government and Herefordshire Council but we can influence their location and the type of houses which are built. Do we want to focus on affordability, perhaps part buy part rent? Encouraging families into neighbourhood may support our local school so affordable family housing could be a critical issue. Is a development in keeping with the local environment? How does it impact on its surroundings? There are many questions which as a whole community we are sure you will want to ask and ideas you will want to put forward.

The design of our plan is not restricted to Parish Councillors and we would welcome others who would like to become involved. Perhaps you could spare a few hours to attend our meetings and act as a channel of communication to your nearest neighbours? Alternatively, you might like to become more involved and take on a role as part of the Steering Group. Going forward, we will publish the location, time and dates of our Steering Group meetings on the website – www.bredenburygroup-pc.gov.uk They are not as formal as our full Parish Council meetings and it would allow anyone who is interested to keep informed or to actively participate.

As we move forward, we will set up events which are open to all so that anyone can see the proposals and influence them – this is a real COMMUNITY project!