

## References to Neighbourhood Plan in PC Chairman's Notes and editorial in the Clifford News

April 2015

“Second, and a further request for public spirited residents to come forward. We have already announced that the Parish Council is committing itself to produce a Parish Plan and I am delighted that a number of people have already volunteered to be part of this; but we need more. The project should take up to a year and will involve surveying, research and questionnaires to assess the past, present and future needs of the community in term of housing, employment, transport, leisure and other features. Those of you who remember – and may still have – the 2001 Parish Appraisal will have a good idea of the scope. Although it cannot guarantee anything, a Parish Plan will give us added clout in any future development plans. I have been asked why we are not having a Neighbourhood Plan, to which the answer is that while it does carry more weight, this is only in the area of planning; and the cost – between £20,000 and £85,000 - is quite prohibitive. So once again, do please let me know if you would like to assist in this most important, interesting and rewarding exercise.”

June 2015

“Councillors have also been giving careful thought to the matter of the Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan for the village and by the time you read this, I hope a leaflet will have gone to all households inviting residents to a meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Monday July 13. Vanessa Lowe, clerk to Welford Parish Council which is producing a Neighbourhood Plan, will talk to us and describe their experiences. I hope we shall then be able to come to a decision about the best way forward for Clifford”

September 2015

“There was no Parish Council meeting in August but as I am sure everyone will now know, a most successful village meeting was held in July at which there was unanimous support for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan which will have real clout in respect of future planning applications in the Parish. Since the meeting all those who have offered to help have been contacted and you will find an update on progress so far on page 9 of this issue. The Parish Council has now submitted its request to SDC for Area Designation Application, the essential first step. “

### Neighbourhood Plan is given the thumbs up

At an open meeting in the village hall there was an overwhelming show of hands in favour of working towards a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The next step is for Stratford District Council to grant an ‘Area Designation’ – basically giving us permission - which will take a couple of months.

If you want to be kept up to date by email or you want to be more closely involved on the steering group, or you have something you want to contribute, email [cliffordchambersmilcote.plan@gmail.com](mailto:cliffordchambersmilcote.plan@gmail.com) [Editorial note 03/16: this email is replaced with [info@ccandm.org](mailto:info@ccandm.org)].

You can follow progress and post comments on the facebook page Clifford Chambers and Milcote Plan. [Editorial note 03/16: the facebook page is closed down and replaced with a dedicated website at [www.ccandm.org](http://www.ccandm.org) ]. For preferers of pen and paper, drop letters into the Village Hall and they will reach us, but please mark anything ‘for the Neighbourhood Plan Team’ [Editorial note 03/16: This facility is not now available]

October 2015

“First, a word about progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. There has been a bit of an unavoidable hiatus since the application was submitted to SDC for formal designation of the Parish of Clifford Chambers & Milcote as a ‘neighbourhood’ within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act. Not a great deal can be done until we receive this designation - which should be by the end of September. In the meantime however, some members of the informal ‘launch group’ have arranged to be present at Apple Day to answer any questions you may have and a flyer will be distributed to every household within the Parish advising them of a meeting in the Jubilee Hall on 19 October at 8 p.m. to establish formal roles and responsibilities. I must stress this is all down to you, the residents, to identify these roles and work together for the common good. Although legally under the aegis of the PC which will have a watching brief, it is not a Parish Council project and I shall certainly not be leading it!”

November 2015

“The Neighbourhood Plan is now starting to take off thanks to the hard work of the launch group and our growing army of volunteers. We have now received from SDC formal approval of the Parish as a designated Neighbourhood Area and have begun the process of applying for government grant funding.”

February 2016

“A Housing Needs Survey is to be made in partnership with WRCC (formerly Warwickshire Rural Community Council) and the data will be used by the Parish Council to support the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Group to explore how any needs can be addressed in the Plan. Questionnaires will be delivered to all households during the first two weeks of February. Please send in your replies to the WRCC, as this is an opportunity to make your voice heard and contribute to our Neighbourhood Plan.

In conjunction with this survey, the Neighbourhood Plan Group will be holding a series of public open forum consultation meetings in the Village Hall. Please try to attend one of these meetings: on Friday 26th February from 6pm - 8pm and Sunday 28th February from 11am to 1pm and also on Wednesday 16th March from 3pm to 5pm (in conjunction with the Seniors meeting). These meetings are designed to inform you of the group's progress and to gather your views and concerns across all subjects relating to life in the Parish.”

March 2016

“First, a reminder that the third of the Neighbourhood Plan Group's forums in the village hall will be held on Wednesday 16th March from 3pm to 5pm in conjunction with the Seniors meeting. As I explained last month, these meetings are designed to inform you of the group's progress and to gather your views and concerns across all subjects relating to life in the Parish. I cannot stress too strongly how important the Neighbourhood Plan is to the future shaping of our community and I do hope everyone will take the opportunity over the coming months to contribute to it.”