

# Our Quest for a Neighbourhood Plan:

## The Pace Quickens



### What's Occurring?



#### **Designated areas of Local Green Spaces**

We have now highlighted ten Local Green Spaces, which were identified in the questionnaire results as important to the Village. These areas will be considered for 'Designation' through the consultation process. The areas include; The Crossroads trees and grass areas ; King George V Playing Field ; Rearsby Road Playing Field and Queniborough Cemetery. We have photographed each of the sites and are currently completing a separate pro-forma for each area, outlining details of the areas and giving reasons why they are important to the village. We reviewed the forms at our July meeting. Completing these forms will be another huge stride forward. When completed, if they are accepted it means that these areas will have a special importance within the Neighbourhood Plan and be given

extra protection from unwanted development. The full list of Local Green Spaces will be in our Draft Neighbourhood Plan which we hope to share with you in September.

#### **Question 27 – Buildings, Structures and Sites considered to be of Historic, Archaeological or Design Value**

This is again information we gleaned from the completed questionnaire results. The list is very thorough and we narrowed it down to eleven places. These include The Old School (Swimming Pool) ; Remaining Mud Wall near Oak Cottage ; Ridge and Furrow Fields ; several houses throughout the Village ; Coppice Lane: its trees, bridge and walls. Again, the complete list will be within our draft copy of the Neighbourhood Plan. Don't forget that this list does not include the existing Listed Buildings within the Parish.

We found a treasure trove of information about these places in Rosemary Smith's Book – The Story of Queniborough which is well worth a read (copies can be purchased from S & J Newsagents on Syston Road). We'd like to thank Rosemary for the information. The love she feels for the village is self-evident within the pages of her book.

The results from the Questionnaire have given us an accurate and realistic view of what is important to the Villagers of Queniborough which is perfect to ensure that our Neighbourhood Plan carries the weight it needs to influence both the planners and the Councils.

#### **Review of the Infamous Grids**

The grids contain all the information from the questionnaire divided into categories (Housing, Traffic and Transport etc..) and they are the cornerstone of all the work we do in developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Without them we would not have the evidence to support our Plan. That is why we put so much effort into them. We had already captured all the Planning Issues Raised in the Questionnaire. Our latest job was to make sure that we captured and documented all the 'Non-Planning' Issues and from that work develop a separate 'Community Action Plan' which identifies how these non-Planning issues will be addressed.

#### **Next Steps following the July meeting**

We plan to have the Local Green Spaces documents completed by our next meeting in August and then send those documents to Colin our Planning Consultant who will embed the information into our draft plan. Once this has been completed we can then share with you the first ever copy of Queniborough's Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **Keep up to date with our progress**

All QNP agendas and minutes, copies of the Household and Youth questionnaires and the Summary Report of the results can be found on the Parish Council Website which you can access via this address: <https://www.queniboroughpc.org.uk/>

If you would like to keep more up-to-date with our progress and be added to our interested parties list please send your contact details to [pambelljones@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pambelljones@yahoo.co.uk).

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