

## **Keele Neighbourhood Plan meeting held at Keele Village Hall September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Present:** Graham Bibby, Val Newman, Bernard Besly, Robin Studd, Jim Golden, Tish Wright, Brenda Johnson, Judith Deakin, Theresa and Stephen James, Tony Kearon.

**Apology for absence:** Bob Ashton, Wensley Naylor, James Borg, Sam Summerfield, Marian Evans

### **1. Review of Progress including grant, designation and technical assistance.**

Graham reported that the funding grant which would support technical assistance from John Knight. The parish designation is currently going through and should be in place shortly.

The village will also be able to get assistance with a housing needs survey with possible assistance in heritage and conservation points. It was pointed out that Keele number of conservation points within Newcastle borough.

### **2. John Knight: community consultation**

Mr Knight outlined the different ways in which the village can take forward the plan to point where it can be put to a referendum.

He stressed the importance of community involvement, meaningful consultation and preparing the requisite documentation. He put forward a variety of ways in which other communities moved forward with their plans.

It was pointed out with the university as part of the parish the students could be involved using their various skill sets.

See comprehensive attached documentation provided by Mr Knight.

Household questionnaires delivered and discussed on the doorstep were considered a good option...asking matters such as what they like and dislike about the village, fears for Keele, how they see its future.

Val Newman's suggestion of a heading 'Keele Past Present and Future' should go on questionnaires.

### **3. Date of next meeting:** It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Wednesday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the village hall.