

Neighbourhood Plan display well attended

A steady stream of villagers visited Kineton village hall on Saturday January 10th to take part in the Neighbourhood Plan consultation.

The draft plan was made public on December 8 for a six week consultation period which ended on January 18th.

It had been painstakingly put together over the past 18 months by a group of volunteers who spent long hours researching and consulting over its content.

The hope is that, if the plan can be agreed and accepted by the village and approved by Stratford District Council (SDC) and the planning inspector, it will help protect Kineton from inappropriate building and over-development.

Unfortunately the process is dependent on the district council having its Core Strategy in place and this has still not happened.

However the chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan group, parish councillor Ken Priddis, believes that, having a Neighbourhood Plan is the best way forward for Kineton.

"At each stage it gains a little bit of strength as an 'emerging plan,'" he explained.

"In the end it may all get blown out of the water if the district council cannot get their Core Strategy adopted. But we have a choice. We can do nothing and just let the developers ride roughshod over the village or we can do our best to control the situation by producing a Neighbourhood Plan."

A recent call for possible development sites across the district by SDC attracted more than 150 submissions, nine of which were from Kineton. If existing applications and approved developments are added to these potential sites, there is the prospect of more than 500 homes being built, mostly to the north of the village in a band stretching from Warwick Road



Kineton's MP Jeremy Wright is pictured with Ken Priddis at the consultation exhibition

across to the Lighthorne Road and Southam Roads and on round to Banbury Road.

Currently work has started to build 90 homes on the Southam Road and there are two outline applications for a total of 41 homes on the Banbury Road.

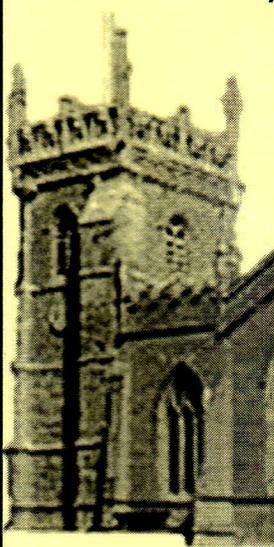
As far as the Neighbourhood Plan goes, once all the responses- from villagers, the district council and more than a hundred other statutory bodies- have been taken into account, a final plan will be produced. There will then be a further six week consultation period with another presentation at the village hall, probably in the autumn.

Unless there are any major objections, and providing it is accepted by SDC and the planning inspector, it will then be the subject of a village referendum, needing a simple majority to be adopted. Subject to final approval from SDC, it would then become part of official planning policy.

The draft Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed at www.kineton.info

St Peter's Church Restoration Project What's going on?

27th February from 7:30pm to 9:00pm



The scaffolding is up and the urgent repairs needed to the tower are finally underway!

Thank you to the great team that has done so much to get us this far.

We'd like to invite everyone to an **informal reception in the church on Friday 27th February at 7:30pm** to meet the architect and the stone mason, to find out about the work we are doing, and to hear more about our hopes for the future.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

We hope you can join us—Everyone welcome

Local planning applications

02/01/15: Jessamine Villa, Warwick Road, Kineton: Alterations to existing fence and erection of new boundary wall with material change of use of amenity land to residential use in connection with existing dwelling.

08/12/14: Land adjacent to Pittern Hill Cottages, Pittern Hill, Kineton: Proposed cattery and associated works including alterations to access.

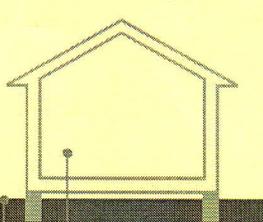
13/11/14: The Green, Tysoe Road, Little Kineton: Fell silver birch

03/11/14: 3 Cumberland Cottages, Southam Street, Kineton: Fell three apple trees and a silver birch.

30/10/14: 1 Verney Houses, Tysoe Road, Little Kineton: retrospective application for outbuilding

28/10/14: Little Oak, Norton Grange, Little Kineton: Work on a Corsican Pine

22/10/14: Brooklands Farm, Banbury Road, Kineton: Outline application for erection of up to 33 dwellings and associated access infrastructure and demolition on existing agricultural buildings



20/10/14: Sunnymede, Red Road, Little Kineton: Proposed alterations and first floor extension to dwelling
7/10/14: Orchard House, Banbury Road, Kineton: Outline application for the erection of 8 residential dwellings.