

## Colerne Neighbourhood Plan

### Note of record of a public meeting held on 6 December 2016

On September 20, 2016 the Colerne Parish Council approved the initiation of a Colerne Parish Plan. It then decided that this process should be launched at a public meeting at which the rationale for a NP would be presented to the community and community approval sought for the development of a Colerne NP.

This open meeting was arranged for 6 December 2016 and publicised in the Parish Magazine and via the PC website, social media, and posters in the village.

The meeting was attended by ca. 50 members of the community and by members of the Parish Council.

The proceedings were introduced and chaired by Jacqui Bradburn, Chair of Colerne Parish Council.

In her introduction Jacqui explained the background to the Parish Council's decision to initiate a Plan. This was followed by two presentations by Robert Jones and Tom Hall which addressed in more detail why a NP was needed and the benefits it would bring, and the format and timelines which would be involved in its preparation.

The content of these presentations is given in the PowerPoint presentation available on the Colerne NP website:

<http://www.colerne-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>

In closing the presentation part of the meeting Bob Child emphasised the importance of community input to the preparation of a NP. An NP could not and should not be prepared simply by the Parish Council must be a community initiative. He asked for members of the meeting who would be interested to join a Steering Group to manage the production of a Colerne NP to provide their contact details. Around 14 members of the meeting did so.

The meeting was then formally asked if it would support the proposal that Colerne should produce its own Neighbourhood Plan. By a show of hands the meeting was overwhelmingly supportive.

It was announced that the next step would be the calling of a first meeting of the Steering Group, which would consist of the volunteers from this meeting plus the five members of the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Group. The date of this first meeting would be announced as soon as possible. *[Post meeting: it took place on 19 January 2017.]*

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