

# **THE EAST BRIDGFORD COMMUNITY PLAN 2017**

## **January 2017 Status Report**

The EB Community Plan is a bottom-up and independent plan, based on listening to the opinions and aspirations of East Bridgford's residents. It will be:

- A Vision for the Future of the Village
- An Action Plan of Improvements
- A Plan that the Authorities: EB Parish Council; Rushcliffe Borough Council; Notts County Council must take notice of
- A basis for persuading Service Providers to up their game

The Community Plan process is endorsed by the EB Parish Council, but it is bottom-up and independent. Although it will be only advisory, never the less, **it is our chance to have our say in the future of East Bridgford**

### **THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 2004 EB VILLAGE PLAN**

The 2017 Community Plan follows on from the 2003 EB Village Plan. The 2003 Plan was a successful exercise as RBC Councilor Nigel Lawrence reported in the January Village Magazine.

*"It might encourage volunteers if I remind you of the successes of the previous Parish Plan (as it was then called) which we commenced in 2003. Out of that exercise a whole raft of good things happened. One group succeeded in getting the Foster's Close affordable housing build with priority for villagers. One group reformed and became the Wildlife and Biodiversity Group, which in turn produced the Bridgford Street Wildflower Meadow, a strategy for Nature Conservation in East Bridgford and recently, the Friends of Springdale Wood. Another produced a new Children's Playground, the skateboard half pipe and the zip-wire. Yet another set up the Community SpeedWatch scheme which ran for some years until the numbers being caught were too low to justify the early morning time*

To this list we could add:

- revisions to the Conservation Area and incorporation of much of the Village Design Statement into the 2008 Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan for East Bridgford
- a report on street lighting and pavements and the subsequent extension of the pavement as far as the Medical Centre

### **2017 COMMUNITY PLAN TIMELINE**

- Village Meetings to define scope and topics (Q4, 2015)
- Initial funding received from the EBPC and The Big Lottery Fund (Q1 2016)
- The Village Appraisals - questionnaires to all residents (May 2016)
- Presentation of selected Appraisal Findings to the Village (December 7<sup>th</sup> 2016)
- Formation of Community Plan Task Groups (December 2016 – January 2017)
- Full reports of the Appraisals published on the EB Village website (January 2017)
- Development of the Community Plan with Action Priorities (February – July 2017)
- Presentation & Discussion of the Plan (August – October 2017)
  - First to the Village to gain Village Consensus and Support
  - Then with the Parish Council, Rushcliffe BC, Nottinghamshire CC, and key service providers to agree action priorities
- **East Bridgford Community Plan 2017** published (before the end of the year)

## **THE 3 APPRAISALS among the residents of East Bridgford**

### Household Survey

- 354 Responses (25% entered on-line),  
798 Persons
- 45% of 2011 Census 787 households
- 109 questions

### Young People 11-18

- 32 Responses
- Further 83 Young People covered in Household Appraisal
- 12 questions

### Business

- 23 Responses
- Included EB businesses employing total staff of 156
- 10 questions

Full reports on the 3 Appraisals will be posted on the Village Website in January 2017

## **The COMMUNITY PLAN GROUP**

A small group has been working throughout 2016 to: develop the Appraisal questionnaires; organize their distribution and collection; input the data to SurveyMonkey; analyse and present the findings.

### East Bridgford Volunteers

- Patsy Andrews - Chair
- David Atkins \*
- Richard Mackie
- Jessica Molineaux
- Helena Rockett
- Suda Sharma \*
- Gill Stevens

\* Independent members, but also Parish Councillors

### External Advisor:

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire RCAN: Development and Delivery Managers: Alex Raynor and Jenny Kirkwood

## **The COMMUNITY PLAN TASK GROUPS**

In 2017 a number of Task Groups will be set up to develop specific Action Plans. The suggested list of Task Groups is as follows:

### **7 SUGGESTED TASK GROUPS**

1. EB Character & Development, includes Housing, also Vision for the Future
2. Social, Sports & Leisure Facilities with section on Young People
3. The Parish Council plus Essential Services
4. Traffic, Parking, plus Streets, Pavements & Access Roads
5. Wildlife & the Environment, including Footpaths and Bridleways outside the village
6. Young People Issues (members to be Young People)
7. Business Issues

All Task Groups will need to work together to develop the East Bridgford Community Plan Overview and Vision for the Future

## **The COMMUNITY PLAN DOCUMENT DOWNLOADS**

See the Village web site [www.eastbridgford.com](http://www.eastbridgford.com)

## **The COMMUNITY PLAN CONTACTS**

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As Task Groups are formed, Task Group Contact data will be updated.

**Please sign Up to one of the Task Groups and help turn the findings of the Appraisals into Concrete Actionable Plans**