Lower Tysoe – to be a part of the Local Service Village or not?

Consultation with residents of Lower Tysoe 7th October 2016

Present: All members of the Steering Committee

Parish Councillors: Jacqui Sinclair, Colin Locke and Graham Collier

Stratford District Councillor: Bart Dalla Mura (part)

Attendees: Thirty residents of Lower Tysoe (from the total 40 dwellings in Lower Tysoe.)

Materials: A series of prompt questions and a large map of the parish for residents to consult.

Venue: Fallowfields, Lower Tysoe

Shirley Cherry, Chair of Steering Group, welcomed attendees and introduced the members of the Steering Group.

David Roache, as the member of the Steering Group from Lower Tysoe, explained why the Steering Group had come to the preliminary view, subject to consultation, that Lower Tysoe should be part of the Local Service Village, but explained that this was the opportunity for residents to express their own views and these would be taken into account going forward by the Steering Group.

Attendees were then asked to split up into different discussion groups in order that every individual should have the opportunity both to express opinions and to be heard by the Steering Group. Three discussion groups were formed, with approximately 9 residents in each.

Leaders of the discussion groups were Alison Mallalieu, David Roache and (together) Shirley Cherry and Mike Sanderson. Leaders facilitated the discussion using handouts with prompt questions for the residents and listened to their opinions and concerns. Much discussion ensued representing various opinions and mentioning various concerns.

Discussion groups concluded by asking residents to make notes in answer to the questions on the sheets and whether the residents were in favour of Lower Tysoe becoming part of the Local Service Village. All comments were encouraged, even if not as a direct answer to the prompt questions.

Groups came together at a plenary where David assured residents that the Steering Group would take residents' views into account in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan.

Attendees congratulated the Steering Group on its work to date and on the way the consultation had been conducted.

When the questionnaires were analysed, out of the thirty residents of Lower Tysoe who were present, sixteen residents were in favour of being part of the Local Service Village. Nine were against and there were five residents who were undecided.

The Steering Group will further analyse and discuss all comments made by residents and determine what further action is required, in conjunction with the Parish Council.