

Neighbourhood Plan Village Amenities Spotlight Group-Sub Meeting: Local Schools. Meeting 24th April 2017:

Present:

Sophi Berridge. Chair of Village Amenities Spotlight Group for the Neighbourhood Plan

Peter Ede. Governor Shelford School

Carol Lyne. Governor Stapleford School.

Purpose: It is necessary to consult parents, teachers, governors, (children?) and other 'stakeholders' in education about the provision for local children in the community and to ascertain what areas need preserving and which need development. In light of this, the spotlight group have proposed that a short questionnaire could be created for stakeholders to complete, giving the NP group a more accurate picture of local provision when writing their policies for the schools in the area.

Areas discussed for potential survey questions:

- Quality of education provision overall.
- SEN and 'more able' provision.
- School meals.
- Pre -school, after school provision and holiday clubs.
- Funding and financial contributions.
- Recruitment and retention of qualified teaching staff.
- Suitability, condition and location of school buildings and play areas.
- Use of school buildings for community activities.

Other topics discussed:

- Closing of Sunnyside playgroup and lack of local provision for Early Years children.
- The impact of funding cuts to schools.
- Changing in staffing and leadership at Stapleford School.

Action:

- Peter and Carol are going to discuss and suggest survey questions and compile a survey over the next few weeks to be given to teachers, governors and parents at parents evenings to complete.
- Sophi is going to see if links to this survey can be put on the local websites so that it can also be completed online.