

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS from the January 2017 Meeting

# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR EMBERTON PARISH

### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

The Localism Act, 2011 (the Act), gives communities a number of new rights, including the right to prepare plans and policies for their local area, called Neighbourhood Plans and the right to prepare Neighbourhood Development Orders to give planning permission for certain types of development in their area.

Emberton Parish Council has decided to start the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan which will provide a frame work for decision making both for local development and the wider remit of managing parish assets and gaining an understanding of what is important to you the residents. We want our Neighbourhood Plan to include your views on how developments in the parish should be managed in the future.

### How can you get involved?

Emberton Parish Council would like to hear your views and concerns/comments about what it is like to live in the village and what, if anything, you would like to change. The parish council will be holding two drop in sessions **at the Pavilion in Hulton Drive (the playing field)**

- **Saturday 11<sup>h</sup> February from 13.00 to 15.00 ) PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATES TO THAT**
- **Sunday 12th February from 10.00 to 12.00 ) ADVERTISED IN WELL & TOWERS**

**At these sessions, we will be providing more information on the Neighbourhood Planning process – but at this early stage it is vital that we identify local issues.**

### Some thought starters

- Residential Housing developments – how should these villages grow and if so where?
- Is the village your place of work – are you supported, do you have appropriate infrastructure?
- Traffic
  - Village parking,
  - A509 – access to and from the village, access to Olney and Milton Keynes
  - Speeding and rat running through the village
- Public Transport
  - Accessibility
  - Frequency
  - Routes
- Access to Health care
  - General Practice
  - Walk in Centre
  - A&E
  - Hospital
- Access to education
  - Nursery
  - Primary
  - Secondary
  - Tertiary
- Access to the Internet
  - Broadband connection
  - Speeds
  - Village website
- Access to leisure and sporting facilities
  - Emberton Playing Field
  - The Pavilion
  - The Institute
  - Community groups

In the event you are unable to attend either of the drop in sessions and wish to contribute to the process, your thoughts on any issues concerning the future development of the village can be forwarded to the Clerk at [clerk@embertonparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@embertonparishcouncil.co.uk) up to the 10th February 2017.

**Steve Gibson**  
**Chairman, Emberton Parish Council**  
**January 2017**

**DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS SESSIONS** – The South Central Ambulance Service has kindly agreed to hold two awareness sessions covering basic CPR, the recovery position and use of the defibrillator. The sessions will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10am and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 10am at the Pavilion, Hulton Drive. Sessions will last for 1.5 hours. Please contact Karen Goss if you would like to attend (the sessions are free of charge).

**GREEN BIN CAMPAIGN** – Emberton Parish Council has signed up to the Recycle and Reward Scheme which was launched by Milton Keynes Council to encourage and educate local residents to recycle more food waste. During the campaign, which runs until the 29<sup>th</sup> February, the amount of green bin waste collected in Emberton will be weighed and recorded. The amount of money received at the end of the campaign will be linked to the increase in food waste recycled.

The average tonnage for the last 3 Decembers (2013-2015) of food and garden waste collected in Emberton was 6.22t. The tonnage collected during December 2016 was 6.16t, a tiny decrease of 0.06tr.

More information on what can be put in your green bin can be found on the parish council website under “Information”.

**Emberton Pavilion** – We are lucky enough in the village to have such a wonderful playing field and sports and social club at Emberton which is owned by the parish council but managed by a small group of volunteers who work hard to maintain the playing field as well as the pavilion. A number of members of the Playing Field Committee have intimated that they will be resigning at the AGM in March unless there are other volunteers coming forward to help with the daily running of the facility. If this were the case, the pavilion would have no option but to close and the keys would be passed over to the parish council to decide the best way forward.

If you are able to help in any way and have an hour or two to spare a week either to undertake some administration work or help at events by manning the bar, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Karen Goss for more information.