

# **THE MINERALS & WATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING STEERING GROUP**

The first business meeting of the Bagworth, Thornton and Stanton-under-Bardon Joint Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group took place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Thornton Community Centre. The Steering Group has been established jointly by Bagworth & Thornton Parish Council and Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Council for the explicit purpose of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the area delineated by the joint parish boundaries. In the very near future the Steering Group will be submitting an application to HBBC to formally designate our area. The first meeting was addressed by a member of the Rural Community Council which has been engaged by HBBC to advise Parish Councils in all aspects of neighbourhood planning.

It was decided to replace the somewhat cumbersome title of the Steering Group, as shown above, with the more easily accessible (and pronounceable!) 'Minerals and Water Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group'. The new name pays homage to the historical *raisons d'être* of the villages involved in this significant project.

The Steering Group will be establishing a website and Facebook page in the very near future; regular reports of its activities will be submitted to the Herald and we trust the editor will view them sympathetically and publish them as a whole or, at least, in part. Please keep a watch on your parish noticeboards for details of our forthcoming meetings to which all members of the relevant communities (including Merry Lees) are invited. The next meeting will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7.00pm at Stanton-under-Bardon Village Hall.

The Steering Group would be most interested to hear from anyone who is keen to have a say in the future development of our designated area and would like to join our Steering Group or one of its specific purpose sub-groups. Please come along to our next meeting or ring me on 01530 243631 for further information

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Vice-Chairman

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