

## **Extract from the minutes of the Parish Council - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

### **4. DEVELOPING A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Brian Moore, from Lifton Parish Council, kindly attended the meeting to advise on Lifton's experience to date in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for their parish. Cllr Moore circulated copies of the 21 stage process now being carried out by the Lifton Neighbourhood Planning Team.

Cllr Moore stressed that the focus of any Neighbourhood Plan would be the identification of potential sites for sustainable housing or employment within the area of the Plan but, by doing so, our ability to resist unwarranted development would be increased.

It was noted that Lifton had benefitted greatly in their work so far, from the use of an experienced planning consultant and from the support of WDBC's Strategic Planning Officers. The consultant had been financed with a Locality Fund grant. However, this fund was cash-limited and was fast running out.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Moore for his helpful advice and decided that:

(i) the Parish Clerk should contact the consultant used by Lifton Parish Council, to establish whether, if the Parish Council so wished, it would be possible to retain his services in support of our Neighbourhood Plan.

(ii) the Parish Clerk should contact WDBC's Strategic Planning Officers to confirm the Parish Council's intention to proceed as quickly as possible with a Neighbourhood Plan and seek their advice on the initial stages required to initiate this project

(iii) a special meeting of the Parish Council be held as soon as possible to consider the outcome of the above action and to take this issue forward.