

## PUBLIC MEETING - 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

### PRB SPEAKING NOTES

#### WELCOME

#### Slide 1

A Vision for L'hall

#### VMT

Our aim this evening is to introduce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire and to make you unable to resist the urge to complete it and send it in!

#### Meeting Format

- Presentation by PRB
- Questions
- Drinks - socialise or discuss with Steering Group members

#### INTRODUCTION

We are at very important stage on which success or failure depends

#### Slide 2

Booklet

Village Centre

Artist's impression

The 1<sup>st</sup> Questionnaire showed that Lyonshall lacked many different facilities. These indicated the need for a properly designed and equipped Village Centre, policies to control development within the Civil Parish and the provision of a large number of other facilities which would be needed in order to improve the quality of life here and make Lyonshall a satisfying and enjoyable place in which to live.

I must emphasise that this slide is only an artist's impression of what a Village Centre **could** look like.

Our subsequent discussion encapsulated all these requirements into what we have called 'A Vision for Lyonshall' - BUT - at present, this Vision represents the views only of the 145 out of 586 people who answered the 1<sup>st</sup> Questionnaire. But, bear in mind that 70 of those 586 were in Lynhales and did not send in completed Questionnaires last time so, in fact, we got quite a good return .

We are confident that The Vision represents what the village needs for the future. It also shows what the Neighbourhood Development Plan is likely to contain. However, we need the 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire in order to ensure that we have the support of a much higher percentage of the residents of the Civil Parish.

We therefore hope that this 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire will be completed and returned by more than 50% of the residents on the Electoral Roll.

For that reason and to encourage high returns, we have kept the process really simple!

## **WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE**

You will receive two documents

- A Booklet for you to keep and which provides you with the information you need in order for you to complete the Questionnaire.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire itself.

### **THE BOOKLET**

#### **Slide 3**

Booklet cover

I'll describe the Booklet first.

The booklet contains the information that we derived from the analysis of the 1<sup>st</sup> Questionnaire under 22 separate headings, for example:

- Housing General, Amenities, Farming General, Utilities and Services and so on.
- Each heading contains the information you need in order to answer the question which has the same number in the Questionnaire.

Here is the paragraph on Housing Design.

#### **Slide 4**

Housing design

This is the paragraph dealing with the Village Centre concept - the basis of 'The Vision'.

#### **Slide 5**

Booklet Paragraph 1  
The Village Centre concept

This is by far the longest paragraph in the booklet.

- It should not be at all difficult to form your overall view of what it contains in order to tick your choice of column in the Questionnaire.
- No need to read it now because I will show it again at the end of my talk and describe it in detail.

### **THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUESTIONNAIRE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire will be issued from tomorrow.

#### **Slide 6**

Questionnaire cover

It is important that ALL people on the Electoral Roll in each household complete a separate Questionnaire.

The subject headings in the Questionnaire have the same paragraph number as the relevant paragraph in the Booklet

The Questionnaire consists of:

- a short introduction on where we have reached now
- Only 22 short, single tick questions

**Slides 7 and 8**  
Questions sheet

- a chance to enter a Prize draw
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £60
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £40 (Private Donors!)

**Slide 9**

Back page

- information on how to return the Questionnaire

**Completing the Questionnaire**

**Slide 10**

Q'aire, inside cover

I would just like to draw your attention to the two important paragraphs on completing the Questionnaire:

- read Booklet paragraph first, then answer the question that has the same number in the Questionnaire
- notice the paragraph in red on how to decide on which column to tick.

**NOW BACK TO THE VISION**

**Slide 2**

Village Centre Picture

This Vision sets out what the Steering Group believes is a very condensed version of what those who answered the 1<sup>st</sup> Questionnaire, attended meetings and talked with us informally suggested that Lyonshall ought to be like when the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been fully implemented in about 25 years from now.

The main problem which kept being raised either directly or indirectly was that Lyonshall lacked a proper Village Centre where numerous community activities could take place. The pub is in the centre, where the A480 suffers badly from heavy vehicles rounding a difficult corner where there is no additional off-road parking. The Memorial Hall is way up the road and will be in need of extending or refurbishment relatively soon. The Church is on the edge of the village and difficult to use for additional village functions because it is too far away from the centre. There is no Village shop, Post Office, or Village Green and no suitable place for recreational and youth activities or attractions to bring visitors to the village. The highly successful Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration and the Village Party last Friday are good examples of just what a Village Centre could offer so much more easily, together with a great deal more too.

**Slide 5**

Booklet Paragraph 1

Paragraph 1 of the Booklet sets out how the Village Centre concept could be achieved. The solution would not be achieved instantly but represents what could relatively easily be achieved over the 20-30 years of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Phases**

To make things easier, the work would need to be divided into phases.

Here are our current thoughts on what might be done during each phase, the lengths of which would be very flexible, changeable and depend on progress.

**Phase 1 (Low profile). Year 1 to Year 5 approx**

- Develop and improve the Royal George pub. (Hopefully!)
- Investigate and assess the likely cost of buying sufficient land ideally near to the Royal George, eventually to provide the facilities listed on the slide
- The Parish Council would form the necessary groupings to raise money for the Village Centre concept from a wide variety of sources, including Lottery and Government funding, Lyonshall community activities and other means.
- Building the 2 houses per year as envisaged by Herefordshire Council's Core Strategy (affordable or self-build) thus also achieving a small increase in the local population.
- Build up money from the Development Levy and other sources.
- Initiate a traffic survey and, in liaison with Herefordshire Council, start investigating how heavier lorries might be able to be diverted away from Royal George corner onto other routes.

**Phase 2. Year 5 to Year 10 approx**

- Continue serious fund-raising for the Village Centre complex.
- Continue building up the Development Levy funds.
- Seek volunteers to assist with eventually setting up and running a small village shop and Post Office.
- Provide a safe route or pathway to the Church for walkers, cyclists and tourists
- Monitor numbers of heavier lorries etc and investigate and lobby for Government funding, if needed, for diversion of these away from Royal George corner.

**Phase 3. Year 10 to Year 20**

- Progress planning and overall requirements for the Village Centre complex
- aim to have achieved the diversion of heavier lorries from the centre of the village and to have raised the necessary public funding for this if needed.
- When sufficient funds have been raised purchase land, design and eventually build the new Village Centre complex either as a whole or in additional suitable phases.

The Steering Group believe that overall, most of the village will be in favour of this concept as a way forward but we will not achieve this without your help.

## **POSSIBLE PROBLEMS**

Money - there are MANY sources of grants. They just have to be found by a small team with energy and commitment.

Community shop and Post Office

- many villages already have these run by volunteers
- mention Morrisons, Tesco etc
- diverting A480 heavier lorries does not necessarily mean a by-pass. There are other ways in which they could get past Lyonshall

## **PLEASE WILL YOU**

**Slide 11**

Closing slide

Tell anyone you meet, that you know lives in Lyonshall and is not at this meeting that:

- The Questionnaire will be delivered this week
- It is vital for them to complete the Questionnaire
- It does not matter to us whether they agree or disagree with the paragraphs in the Booklet as long as they give us their views and send in the completed Questionnaire.
- There is a Prize Draw with a prize of £60 and one of £40 to encourage them!

## **FINALLY**

**Slide 12**

Analysis

This shows broadly what we hope to achieve from the analysis of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Questionnaire

Describe

- shows where our concept is producing roughly the right answer for each of the areas we have described in the Booklet

- Will be a great help to us in drafting a Neighbourhood Plan which will be acceptable to greatest number of residents of the CP.

## **QUESTIONS**

**PRB**

19 Sept 2013