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| Topic | Points for discussion | Action | By whom |
| Aspects of the village that are important | * The centre of the village to be retained around Shop, Post Office, Village Hall, Church * The character of the village: relatively long manorial tenure * The village feels peaceful * The village has lovely vistas and visual aspects * The village has had successful pubs * Concept of a Village Green – interest in the historic ‘green’ * We want a safe village: safer for walking and cycling with access to the park * List village assets that need to be protected and preserved |  |  |
| Is there any advantage to reasonable growth in the village? | - considerable agreement that reasonable development is expected  - growth would result in the possibility of a more balanced socio-economic village  - would bring younger families into the village  - new people bring new ideas  - more growth provides homes in a country/area where housing is short  - potential increase in business: jobs and integration with the village  - increased growth would help shop and pubs to have increased customers |  |  |
| Concerns about new housing | - Caution – don’t want a ‘dormitory village’: one that has a large percentage of commuters with no sense of being part of the village   * - Concerned about strip housing that takes away a sense of the Centre of the village with poor access to the central shop and village hall * - worried that new housing could look out of character in the village * - can we be more hands on with the agreed development above North Lane |  |  |
| Criteria for new housing | * small scale housing is preferred * there is scope for housing on both sides of Northampton Road (B430) * no increase in linear housing * look at Greenbelt and see if there is cause to request an adjustment to it * create housing that would make downsizing possible for local residents * consider a variety of small terraces, flats, sheltered housing * keep growth in a position that gives access to the Centre of the village * create housing that attracts young families * use local builders who will understand the need for similar character and style * create clusters of houses that contribute to the management of the traffic issue: ie not creating more problems * encourage eco development   - Maximum of development:  Starter homes – 30%  Affordable- 35%  2/3 bedrooms 30%  4/5 bedrooms 5%  20 houses – maximum   * Plan in five year periods between 2017 – 2031. Max of 15% in 5 years |  |  |
| Facilities that should be improved or developed in the village | * inter-net and mobile phone access must be improved if businesses are to be encouraged * playground: increase activities – add a zip wire, a basket and a Clubhouse * one group felt that the village needs a bigger/second playing area, fitness area/place for young people * the Centre of the village should be more friendly ie. the Shop could increase its business through friendly interaction and a welcoming approach to new comers. Post Office hours and shop opening times need to be reviewed * could there be a café in front of the coffee shop in the warmer weather where villagers could gather for a chat.(several comments about the isolation of the elderly in the village) * the village needs allotments * improve and create cycle paths and public routes * get mains gas * solve the problem of foot and cycle traffic on Church Road – currently it is dangerous * create places for young people – teenagers * consider some village activities in the Hall, like it is in Wendlebury * restore our Duck Pond * Encourage a sense of what it means to belong to this village: more participation in village events and an increased awareness of what is available to newcomers * Create allotments |  |  |
| Issues around development | * important that the character of the village is maintained |  |  |
| New ideas | * create a cluster of houses across (east side) of the B430. Be aware of the safety issues this could cause in terms of access to the Centre * have a shop, playing field, village green (historic one) * maintain green fields * create need for a new school * investigate the idea of an Eastern bypass that would channel commuter traffic and large vehicles away from Northampton Road (not an agreed solution but a 50/50 split on one table) * restore the ancient Village Green * can we have a by-pass without a large increase in housing |  |  |
| How would you solve the traffic issue: speed and rat run, access | * Safety within the village is a key concern * Follow up asap several of the suggestions from the meeting in the summer ie village gates, * Reduce speed limit of B430 to 30 and within the village to 20 (look at Ardley) * Reduce weight limit on village section of B430 * Provide safe footpaths for access * Consider access to the Centre for development that is to be build on the north side of North Lane * Chicanes, lobby highways to take off lights on development * Create a crossing point between the bus stops on the B430 * Maintain public footpaths and rights of way * No speed bumps as they are noisy * Mirrors on Church Lan/Close/ * B430 flashing speed lights throughout the village |  |  |
| Should we further develop businesses amenities and recreation areas | * Businesses: get them involved in the discussion of the Neighbourhood Plan * Create access to the village via a bicycle path from business park at Akeman Road * Encourage new business units outside of village * Amenities * Recreation areas – update playground. Consider a second recreation area on the East side of the B430 (cricket? Playground?) * The village relationship with the Manor Hotel needs to be developed as it is an historic part of our village including the Moat and the Monks Walk * Positive participation in the village by commercial entities such as: the Shop, the Manor Hotel and businesses |  |  |
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