

## What is the Peterstow Neighbourhood Development Plan?

Neighbourhood Planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape future development and growth of their local area, having a legal say in the planning process.



The evening of 12<sup>th</sup> January saw St Peters Village Hall packed with parishioners at a meeting organised by the Parish Council. Karla Johnson, Hereford Council Planning Officer, gave an overview of the County Council Core Strategy and how Neighbourhood Development Plans sit within the planning process. Parishioners asked questions and good discussions ensued.

By having a Neighbourhood Development Plan we are able to influence where we want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have our say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided to accommodate further development.

Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that we get the right types of development for our community - where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

The next meeting of those that have expressed an interest and willingness to be involved in developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Peterstow is to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm in St. Peter's Village Hall to include:

- A review of what is involved in preparing a plan and the process.
- Gain experiences from Bridstow Parish NDP working group who are well into the process.
- Creation of a steering group (volunteer roles).
- Next steps – meeting frequency, work streams etc.

Further information and updates will be available on the new Parish Council website [www.peterstowparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.peterstowparishcouncil.org.uk)

I would like to express my thanks to Cllr Rob Hunter and Cllr Roger Townend for leading this Steering group on behalf of the community and Peterstow Parish Council.

**Cllr Martin Lown, Chairman, Peterstow Parish Council**