

## **PLANNING FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ASHFIELD**

When the Planning authorities consider proposals for new building developments, they are required to take account of local views. Until recently, the views of the people in Ashfield are represented within the Parish Plan which was written some 4-5 years ago. (If you haven't seen it, it can be downloaded from the Ashfield website at <http://ashfield.onesuffolk.net/>, or any Parish Councillor can arrange to show you a copy).

The authorities are now looking for a much more comprehensive document known as a "Neighbourhood Plan". However, the Parish Council considers this to be a far too complex document for our village and will not be preparing one.

Therefore, in order to help protect the village from unwanted developments and strengthen the existing Parish Plan, the Parish Council wishes to hear the current views of people in Ashfield on future developments in our village, which can then be incorporated into an update of the Plan. We are asking all residents in our village to let us know what future developments are appropriate.

All comments are most welcome, but you may wish to consider such matters as:-

*\*What kind of accommodation do you think Ashfield needs?*

- *Homes for young people?*
- *Large / small family homes?*
- *Homes for single people?*
- *Homes for people with disabilities?*
- *No further homes needed?*

*\*What types of housing development would be acceptable in Ashfield?*

- *Single dwellings?*
- *Small groups of less than 10?*
- *Carefully designed larger groups?*
- *None*

Please let us have your comments by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013. You can reply to the Clerk by email to [helengnoble@gmail.com](mailto:helengnoble@gmail.com) or by phone to 01473 412195, or any Councillor (see list overleaf) would be pleased to hear from you.

*Brian Lennon, Chairman, Ashfield Parish Council  
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