

Notice of Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation at Stoke Abbott

7:30 pm on the 12th of May 2016

e-mail sent to a large group of Stoke Abbott residents by the Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council Chairman.

Dear Stoke Abbott residents,

I am Chairman of the upper Marshwood Parish council. I live in Stoke Abbott Parish which is part of the UMV Parish group.

I have a task to achieve. If you look at the map of our parish there is little that appears to be of economic importance other than farming. But this is a new world. There are young people around us with craft, baking, brilliant arts and design, publishing, alternative fuel usage, artisan work - all in our area. Surely we need them to put vitality into our community. How can we assist their embryo businesses? We need to know what the people of Stoke Abbott want the District and County councils to do to. The Neighbourhood Plan that we are producing needs feed- back from all sections of the community.

To get information on the dreams of the younger members of our village, and the needs of the older ones, we are holding an evening meeting in the Village hall on Thursday the 12th of May at 7 30. At this meeting there will be a short talk from Mike Robinson and Charles Somers to explain the benefits of the neighbourhood plan. I do urge you to do your best to be at the meeting. Our future will be determined by others if we do not stake our own claim first.

I will be mailing again as I consider Stoke Abbott has the past of five generations of my family in its heritage. We have to have a say in its future.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Bowditch