**Meeting of Neighbourhood Plan Group with Roberta Blackman-Woods MP**

**Friday 7th October 2016 1pm Cooper Hall**

**Present: Terry Crozier, George Thompson, Neil Liddle Eileen Hall Mike Rowell Roberta Blackman-Woods, Nick Rippin**

**Apologies: Robin Minney, Fraser Reynolds, Tony Harries**

Meeting was suggested by **RB-W** in response to representations made to her by some Front Street residents with regard to:

* Allocation of Front Street site for housing development
* Public consultation during the Neighbourhood Plan process

**RB-W** has had no further contact with residents, therefore unaware that we have had a meeting with them on 9th August. Explained nature and outcome of that meeting and present position with regard to the Draft Plan.

Since meeting the residents, **RB-W** has met with the Head of Planning and Mike Lowe at the County. **ML** gave assurance that we have followed all necessary procedures, are fully aware of NP responsibilities, have fully consulted with him at all stages and have carried out comprehensive public consultation exercises.

The issue of insufficient school places was raised by the residents as an objection to housing development**. NL** explained the current position on school numbers.

**RB-W** has also visited the Front Street site alone to make her own assessment.

Discussion around how and why we came to the decision re Front Street, green belt boundary restrictions and other constraints on site availability within the village.

Conclusions:

* **RB-W** will contact Front Street residents to inform them of this meeting and invite them back to her office for further discussions.
* **RB-W** will make contact with the Schools Admissions department at the County