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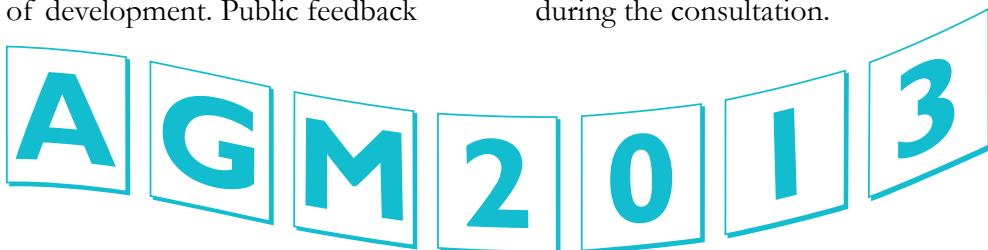
## Parish Council Proposal to Reinvigorate Cottenham

Cottenham Parish Council are proposing development of 100 hectares of land (illustrated on the left). This could result in the construction of 1,500 new homes, schools, shops and recreation facilities. It might also provide funding for a bypass from Twenty Pence Road to Histon Road, crossing Beach Road in the vicinity of Long Drove.

The proposal is at a very early stage of development. Public feedback

will be sought during the second round of the Issues and Options consultation, due to be held between 7<sup>th</sup> January and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013. An exhibition is planned for 31<sup>st</sup> January, between 2:30pm and 9pm at the Village College.

Enquiries about these proposals should be directed to Cottenham Parish Council. Comments should be submitted to the District Council during the consultation.



## Dates For Your Diary

### Design Group Meal

7:30pm Friday 1st February  
The Chequers

### Talk & AGM

Sometime during February...

The Design Group's Annual General Meeting will be held during early February. Details will be sent to Design Group members and advertised around the village.

This year there are expected to be two vacancies on the committee, and several officer positions are up for election (\*). Members are encouraged to offer themselves for election.

There are up to five nominee members of the committee, but neither the Village Society nor the District Council have exercised their right to nominate representatives.

Ten positions on the committee are for elected members; holders serve for two years after which they may offer themselves for re-election.

Officers hold their positions for a maximum of four consecutive years.

## February 2013

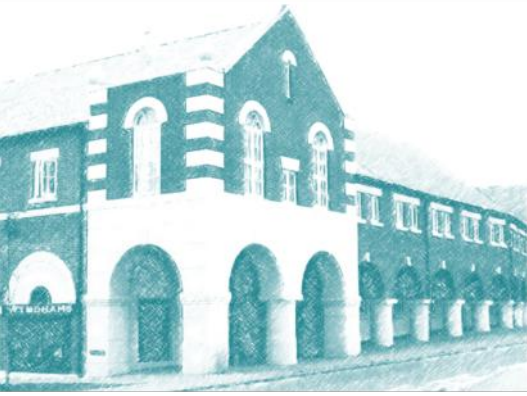
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## Committee 2012–2013

Alan Leeks .....	(Cottenham Parish Council nominee)
Alex Darby .....	<b>Planning Comments Coordinator</b> (2011)*
Alexander Thoukydides ....	<b>Information Officer</b> (2011)*
Bill Miller .....	(2012)
Henry Le Brecht .....	<b>Secretary</b> (2012) & <b>Treasurer</b> (2011)*
John Williams .....	<b>Vice Chair</b> (2012)
Mike Smith .....	(Fen Edge Community Association nominee)
Patrick Clark .....	(2011)*
Robin Heydon .....	(2012)
Steven Poole .....	<b>Chair</b> (2012) & <b>Membership Secretary</b> (acting)*
Sue Gymer .....	(Cambridgeshire County Council nominee)
Tim Wotherspoon .....	(2012)



### Returning to Poundbury



Many of you will know that in 1999 members of the Design Group visited Poundbury in Dorset – the ‘model’ development on the edge of Dorchester championed by Prince Charles. The initial phase of the development combined some interesting urban planning with building styles based on the traditions of the local vernacular and the visit was thought-provoking, raising many questions about the success of the approach.

Now, after more than a dozen years, we are planning a second visit – both to give newer members the opportunity to go, and also for anyone who went the first time to see how the development – which it has expanded significantly since those early days – has progressed and matured.

To give as many people as possible the opportunity to go, we have set a date some months off in the Spring – the weekend of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (which avoids school holidays and half term). We intend to drive down fairly early on Saturday morning to try to avoid the traffic, spending Saturday afternoon at Poundbury and staying the night nearby.

On the Sunday, if we have seen all we want of Poundbury, we will have the

choice of some other visits before we return home – perhaps a trip to the lovely Dorset Coast, to the nearby National Trust house Kingston Lacy, or to return home via Swindon to see the Triangle development by Kevin McCloud's Haboakus, and Heelis, the new eco-friendly National Trust HQ (apparently less favoured by Prince Charles). We can decide this later once we know who is interested.

Where we stay will depend on numbers and availability – we should expect to pay up to about £60 per person if sharing a twin/double room, or about £85 for a single. It may be possible to arrange accommodation for less (there is even a small B&B in Poundbury now), but that can't be guaranteed. There is now a pub and café in Poundbury, so those would be options for Saturday lunch, with a wider range of choice in Dorchester for the evening.

We would expect to travel down sharing one or more cars to keep travel costs down. The journey takes around 3.5 hours. We would expect to leave around 7-8am on Saturday and get back in the evening on Sunday.

The visit is open to Design Group members and their family and friends. It would be useful to get an idea of numbers as early as possible so we can progress the arrangements – ideally a definite commitment, but if you cannot be sure an expression of interest plus an idea of when you would be able to confirm by. Could you please email me on [jpdw@mac.com](mailto:jpdw@mac.com) to let me know.

Hope you can join us – I look forward to hearing from you!

*John Williams*  
Vice Chair



### Invitation to Dinner

The Design Group's committee would like to invite you to join them for dinner at The Chequers from 7:30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2013. If you would like to attend then please contact Mike Smith at [smithmichaelstanley@hotmail.com](mailto:smithmichaelstanley@hotmail.com) or on 251915.



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