

DINTON PARISH PLAN 2006



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INTRODUCTION

In April 2004 a public meeting was held at which the vast majority of those present voted for a Parish Plan. A Steering Group of volunteers was established and this document is the result. Our aim is to produce a plan for the future development of the Parish of Dinton which reflects the wishes of those that live here or use the facilities.

This plan outlines those things which villagers want changed as well as those things they would like left alone, It will be distributed to all levels of local government, their departments and institutions, as information for them to use when drawing up plans which could affect the Parish.

Some of the information in the plan may be familiar. However, some of the findings have already had an effect and resulted in change during the development of the Plan. It contains the views of as many villagers as possible, which we hope includes the normal silent majority. It expresses their wishes in a single document as a blueprint for the future. It can be used to present the views of the many, rather than those of the vocal few.

The Steering Group did not have the time or resources to research and provide authoritative answers to all the topics raised. However, all the areas are covered in this Plan and an Action Plan is included. There is now a need for local volunteers to come forward to form a Dinton Parish Action Group to carry forward this work and lobby for or introduce change as appropriate.

The Plan is not all about changes in some cases there is a desire to maintain the status quo. We want to keep our school, our shop, with its Post Office, our pubs, our countryside and a Vicar who lives within our Parish. All of these are, or have been, under threat in the recent past. Our other great asset is the people. We are a diverse Parish with local industry and working farms which provide work locally. We also have many retired or semi retired people, young families, those still working full time and a few weekenders. We

want to retain this mix by ensuring we have the right types of housing, employment and facilities. We hope this Plan, which has been endorsed by the Parish Council will help us to achieve this end.



