

Rearsby NP ANNEX D1

Public Consultation November 19th 2016 Village Hall

Green Spaces

Map showing the village was displayed with the following Green spaces highlighted.

St Michaels and All Angles Churchyard
Children's Playpark and field for the under 11's
Village Green
Brookside and the ford
Bog lane and route to Thrussington
Conker Field and Spinney and right of way
Gaddesby lane rural walk along former lane which has a tree avenue
Village Playing field behind the village hall
Convent grounds on the North approach with many mature trees
Horsepool spinney on the west approach
Area of particularly attractive countryside and right of way at west side of village off Melton Road.

A blank map of the village was provided, and residents asked to contribute ideas for the green spaces in and around the Parish.

Feedback was: -

- 1) Pocket Orchards. Fruit trees planted on open ground for all residents to pick and use the crop. Possible sites include Wreake Drive, Station Road verge, Bleakmore, Gaddesby lane, Mill lane.
- 2) Area of Local separation – important to respect separation area as the village is big enough, do not want to join up with East Goscote. Keep the green fields between village and East Goscote they are our open spaces with many footpaths.
- 3) Conservation area to be expanded to include the land off Melton Road that is already identified as particularly attractive countryside and lies on the west boundary of the conservation area. This was endorsed by seven residents.
- 4) Provision of benches for walkers and residents in places like the village playing field and the conker field. There are some on Brookside but could do with more.
- 5) Protect the trees on the approaches to the village which define the village as rural with its own separate identity.
- 6) Conker Field and Spinney to be in public ownership – endorsed by all meeting attendees.
- 7) Convent redevelopment is supported despite some being outside the developed envelope of the village given that the Conker Field remains for public use. Endorsed by all residents who attended the meeting.
- 8) Footpath and Walk guide – Especially for new residents if we had a leaflet on footpaths and walks letting people know where they can go.
- 9) Long Term tree planting plan to cover the next 10 to 20 years.

- 10) Field hedge row maintenance and tree replacement to maintain the landscape.
- 11) Conservation Area to be extended to include the convent grounds especially the conker field and spinney to protect the over two hundred trees in this area.
- 12) Permitted walks – routes where landowners have given permission for a permitted walk, not being a right of way , to create circular routes of varying length and difficulty around the village for residents to use.
- 13) Maintaining footpaths, roadside verges and public footpaths for all to enjoy.
- 14) Village Playing Field to have more of a purpose not just a very little used football field. Question was asked does anyone use the half-pipe anymore?
- 15) Brookside area of the village to be preserved and improved as a place to stop and enjoy during a village walk.
- 16) Conservation Area – more information about where it is and what it's for to be made available for the residents.

Summary

The residents who attended on the day were very supportive of the rural nature of the village and see this as partly defined by the tree filled approaches to the village the Brookside/village green/playpark area, the conker field and the fields surrounding the village. To maintain the separate identity was a clear theme of the group.