

Parish and Community Engagement Event, King's coronation

The Coronation Event 7th May 2023

This event held on the Recreation Ground was well attended by approximately 100 residents, however it was disappointing that few of the residents of the Cromwell Place development (affordable homes with a part-ownership scheme, Ainsworth Drive and Harrison Road) attended, although leaflets had been hand delivered and emails sent. This may have been due to a much larger event held at neighbouring Flitch Green.

The Neighbourhood Plan stall was set up displaying its themes and objectives as well as copies of surveys professionally completed to date. Residents were seated and enjoying the sunshine and the accompaniment of a singer, few took interest in the stall. However, two Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group members equipped with clipboards and questionnaires, mingled with the seated crowd who were pleased to give their opinion on the future of the Parish particularly regarding possible sites for housing development built in hamlet style.

The following is the information garnered.

Six parishioners and their families said they did not want any more development - "There's enough already". (In the last 2 years 194 houses are either in the process of being built or planning permission has been given and approximately 50 are specifically designated to be affordable).

These six parishioners and their families had to be encouraged to overlook their initial reaction and suggest possible sites but were unable to come up with any sites.

However, suggestions received from others canvassed were;

1) Around the pond; 2) Near The Moors; 3) Behind the sewage site on Station Road (unfortunately this area is not in Little Dunmow parish). Two visitors (one after some thought) suggested a site on the Braintree Road in the direction of Dunmow fairly near the Station Road turnoff, but another visitor asked what she thought of this idea and replied that this would spoil the view and the approach to the village.

The need for social housing in the parish was raised by a Steering Group Member; one resident pointed out the lack of amenities, another the need of a bus route and another advised gardens/brown fill. Overall the event was a great success with everyone pleased and happy to be living in Little Dunmow.

See photos below/next page. of the Event



Photograph of the Gazebo with displays at the King's Coronation Event



Photograph of the King's Coronation Event with the NP Gazebo