

## OCTOBER 2019 PARISH MAGAZINE ARTICLE

### **Blisland Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The results of the recent survey will now be developed into a set of proposals for the main objectives and key themes for the plan, which will be discussed at the Blisland Parish Council meeting on Thursday, 10 October, to be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm. All parishioners are welcome to come along to hear the proposals and give their views.

What we learned from the survey is that the Parish has quite a high age profile with 66% of residents over age 50 and just 18% of children and young people under 18. People clearly place a high value on our tranquil countryside, the quality of our moorland landscape and the heritage of the Village Green and outlying settlements. 96.8% of respondents agreed that any future development needs to respect our natural and historic environment, with a high number of comments that people do not want things to change too much.

The main parking problem areas identified are around the Shop and at the School during drop off and pick times. Most respondents have access to a vehicle but recognised that transport can be a problem for those who are unable to drive. 21% of respondents do not have broadband which meets their needs. 88% were in favour of restricting second homes.

There will still be a lot of work needed to research the issues and opportunities and develop these into a coherent plan in line with the official neighbourhood development

plan process. If anyone would like to get more involved, please contact [clerk@blislandparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@blislandparishcouncil.co.uk). Further information is available on our webpage [www.blislandparishcouncil.co.uk/blisland-neighbourhood-development-plan](http://www.blislandparishcouncil.co.uk/blisland-neighbourhood-development-plan). *Karen Dickin*