

Tilstock Against Boningale Development Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter and to the first communication for nearly 4 weeks. I have around 200 people signed up for information, nearly all local, and all against the proposed housing and nursing home proposals. As yet, despite being told at the Boningale meeting that a planning application would be sent to the Shropshire Planning Office in May, no application has been made.

However, in the background things have been happening. A small committee of enthusiasts has been formed, and 2 meetings have been held. Minutes were taken.

A new information website has been constructed. See <https://e-voice.org.uk/stoptilstockdevelopment/>

A new petition website has been set up. Mark has spent 80 pounds of his own money on the original petition website [40 pound a month]. Please do not sign on this new site if you signed on the old one. This is for new signatories. Copy and paste this link to a browser <https://e-voice.org.uk/stoptilstockdevelopment/petitions/>

A Facebook page has been formed to keep people in touch. See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/464522929350779>

A drone has been used to take photos, some of which will on the website and Facebook page.

Here is the link for Shropshire planning [type in to the search box Tilstock] to leave comments when the planning application goes in. It is crucial that as many people as possible leave comments, and whether they are for or against. <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application>

Funding ideas have been discussed. Initially an easy way to raise funds for the campaign and at no cost is to use a website called easyfundraising.org.uk to purchase items at places such as eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com, plus many other well known brands. More direct crowd funding ideas have been discussed. Money is needed to pay costs incurred, such as personal expenses and if enough is raised, a specialist solicitor to put our case using evidence which is difficult for a lay person to do. Any left over will be donated to the village hall [which is not charging for meetings].

You will have to register if you are interested. There are no hidden charges.

See <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=348511&invite=owa9op&referral-campaign=c2s>

The committee is in touch with the equivalent in Albrighton where they are fighting proposals for Boningale to build 800 houses. Advice has been sort.

Some of you will have seen for sale signs at 2 areas, in fields on the outskirts of Tilstock. 1 is opposite the Boningale site, and the other along Tilstock Lane towards the railway bridge. It seems that estate agents have latched on to the possibility that land around our village could be more valuable than farmers realise if planning controls are loosened. They then offer to sell to speculators chunks of land at prices more than double agricultural land prices, but well short of residential land prices, playing the long game.

Lastly, please pass this newsletter to people you know who may not be aware of the consequences of these proposals. They may only pass through Tilstock, but they will still be affected by years [because of phased building] of road works, traffic lights, possible road rerouting/straightening.

We will let you know as soon as we hear that an application has been made. If anyone has any objections for future emails like this to be sent from another member of the committee, instead of me, please let me know.

Best Wishes

Richard Thompson