

# The Elswickian

Elswick Parish Council Newsletter October 2015

# SAVE ELSWICK

The first of what is likely to be a succession of developers has broken cover by announcing plans to build 100 houses in Mill Lane. This development, if approved, will alone increase the size of our village by 22% and destroy the rural character. If Fylde Borough Council's draft proposals are approved this will be just one of many similar developments. There are two dates for your diary which we urge you not to miss.

Story Homes, the intended developer for the Mill Lane site, is holding a public exhibition of its plans at the Village Hall on WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER between 3pm and 7pm. Please make sure that you attend and let Story Homes know what you think of these plans.

The following week on WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER between 3pm and 7pm (the same times just a co-incidence????) Fylde Borough Council planning department will be holding a public consultation event in the Village Hall to inform people of the publication of the Borough Council's draft Local Plan. It is this document which is proposing that Elswick should grow by more than 30% with the construction of 140 houses. We urge you to also attend this event and leave Fylde planners in no doubt as to what they can do with their proposals.

There is no doubt that if either of these proposals is given the go ahead the quality of life in our village will disappear for ever and Elswicks rural environment will be replaced by huge urban housing estates. The fight to save Elswick has now commenced. The Parish Council will shortly be announcing plans for a public meeting to combat these threats to our village.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS EITHER OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT EVENTS