

## **PARISH CONFERENCE - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

### **MANGEMENT OF OPEN SPACES WORKSHOPS – KEY DISCUSSION/ACTION POINTS**

- Issue Repair and maintenance of open spaces - Parishes were asked about whether they are putting aside funding for ongoing repair and maintenance of play equipment and open spaces and those who took part in the workshop agreed that they did budget for this within their precept each year.
- Issue Consultation for creating or developing open spaces – Parishes explained how they had undertaken consultation with their communities ranging from leafleting every household or using their parish magazines to get feedback.
- Issue Poor planning of open spaces by developers – parishes wanted the planning team to be aware that there seems to be an increasing amount of ‘communal’ areas being created within development which are very difficult to get residents to take any ownership of and tend to drag down the appearance of new estates.
- Issue Play provision – the District Council completes an audit of play every year based on planning standard and shares a report with each parish to explain whether they have surpluses or deficits of play provision for different age groups in their parish. The parishes found this helpful information for then undertaking consultation about whether S106 funding could be used to address any gaps.