

Village Design Statement for Stapleton

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The Design Statement for Stapleton has been produced in conjunction with Condover Parish Council and the Parish Plan Group using both consultation documents i.e. Parish Plan and information gained by Condover Parish Council consultation meetings.

Stapleton is in land area one of the largest wards in Condover Parish Council but has only a small population. Most of the area of Stapleton is devoted to agriculture/horticulture with only a very small amount of the population employed in these industries; most have to look for employment outside of the Parish.

The Parish of Stapleton dates back to the time of the Domesday Book with some of the buildings being very old.

The village school was closed in the late twenties early thirties and is now a private house and a blacksmiths shop which stood opposite was demolished and two bungalows built on the site in 1970. The Church with quite a history is kept in good condition along with the village hall which had a facelift with the aid of lottery money is in good condition and well supported.

Most of the development that has taken place has been after the late sixties early seventies with some of the houses built at the turn of the century. All of this housing is out of the reach price wise of young people wishing to stay in the village or older people who wish to retire here.

Many who replied to the questionnaire said that there was a need for affordable or rented homes the number needed would only be small five or six over the next ten years.

There are two plots of land within the village boundary line that would meet these criteria and with tasteful design not affect the village to a great extent.

The village of Stapleton would fit in with the villages of Dorrington, Ryton, Condover as a cluster and that would appear the view of the planning committee for the Parish Council.