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The online campaign to stop sand and gravel quarrying in Pentney village

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PENTNEY VILLAGE TURNS OUT IN FORCE TO SUPPORT CAMPAIGN Save Pentney Action Group Open Forum Was A Resounding Success.

Saturday 12th July saw the Save Pentney Action Group host an Open Forum in the village hall, the purpose of which was to tell the local community how the fight against the controversial gravel quarry proposal is proceeding, and to outline the next stages of the battle.

The quarry proposal in question is the MIN93 site in Pentney village, one of the 104 sites proposed in Norfolk County Council's recent Blue Book, and over two hundred concerned villagers, worried about the negative impact this site will have on the village, came out on Saturday to support the campaign.

Cliff Smalley, chairman of the Save Pentney Action Group said "The response we had from the local community was hugely encouraging. It's reassuring to know that we're on the right tracks and we have full support and backing from the people of Pentney".

Sam Knox, manager of the associated Save Pentney website added "We really would like to thank everyone who came out to the event today. The support of the community is vital to our campaign, but we would also like to take a moment to thank the two local councillors, Janet Murphy and Alistair Beales who both gave up their Saturday afternoon to attend."

He continued "With the contacts we have made, and the snippets of information gleaned at the weekend, we're now in a strong position to take our fight forward to the next stage. We won't stop fighting until the Pentney MIN93 site is dropped completely."

Those who attended received a warm welcome and were treated to free refreshments, and guided tours of Pentneys historic church of St Mary Magdalene.

The website, www.SavePentney.co.uk was set up by local resident Sam Knox after plans were announced to dig a sand and gravel quarry right in the heart of the village.

The site exists to give the people of Pentney village a single unified voice with which to make their opinions and feelings about the MIN93 quarry proposal heard by a worldwide audience. The site features an uncensored public forum where comments and opinions are invited from supporters and opposition alike.

The campaign to save Pentney village is supported by actor, author and concerned local resident, Stephen Fry who expressed his disapproval of the proposed quarry, saying "Stretch a piece of elastic far enough and it will snap under the stress. Pentney is a stressed community, and it's rapidly approaching it's snapping point."

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If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Sam Knox, please call 01760 350005 or email webmaster@savepentney.co.uk