Dear Chair, Clyffe Pypard Parish Council

As you know, there has been some friction between the Parish Council (PC) and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG), and we are sure that, without too much effort, we could continue in this vein for some considerable time to come.

However, noting the following proposals to be discussed and voted upon at the forthcoming PC meeting on 13th July:

1) The proposed recognition of the NPSG members (past and present) in the PC meeting
2) The statement that we need to draw a line under the past and leave this in the past
3) The possibility of some 'new faces' on the NPSG
4) The proposed creation of a working party to formulate the way forward for the Neighbourhood Plan set against the desire of the parish residents to have one

it is clear that some members of the PC, though not necessarily all, wish to exclude the SG from any future decisions about the future of the NP.

As a group we have discussed this and feel that in light of the above it is best that we all resign from the NPSG with immediate effect.

We feel that this action will allow the PC the full freedom to decide the best way forward for the Neighbourhood Plan, and if a new NPSG were to be formed, then it would also have the latitude to decide the membership without needing to enter into any conflict with existing members.

As such, please accept this as the formal immediate resignation of all members of the existing Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

We would like it recorded that we all remain supporters for the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan as we feel it serves the best interests of the Parish.

Yours sincerely Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

On a personal note I would like to say, and most of the PC should know this anyway from having served on it at some time or another, that there seems to have been a fundamental misunderstanding about the purpose of the NP.

Having worked on it for nearly three years, most of it as chairman, I can categorically say that it is not a charter for landowners to build houses for profit and to say it is, is both incorrect and mischievous.

I joined because I wished to see the whole parish have a say in what sort of place we wanted it to become in the future and how it might protect those parts that we valued most. I did not put in long hours of my time and effort to enable individuals to profit.

I hope and trust that the review the PC will undertake, should they vote to do so, will have the good of the parish in mind too.