

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

### **Brief Update for Parish Council Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The Housing Needs Survey questionnaire should be delivered to all households in the village by 13<sup>th</sup> February. The completed forms should be returned by 19<sup>th</sup> March. The data this provides will be collated and analysed by RCCE and a report will be prepared by them setting out the results and conclusions.

When this report is available the NP team should be able to use this information to further develop the objectives and policies related to housing needs for inclusion in our NP. As this is a critical aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan the proposals will be need to be discussed and agreed with the NP Steering Group prior to submission to the full Parish Council for their consideration and endorsement.

Draft objectives related to community facilities, infrastructure and the village economy have already been developed and work is ongoing within the Task Groups on policy ideas for how these objectives might be achieved.

In due course, the final wording of all policies to be included in the NP will need to be formulated by a planning consultant to ensure they are compliant with relevant planning legislation and protocols. Further funding is potentially available to engage an approved consultant to undertake this work.

Progress on the Environmental aspects of the NP has suffered a setback as the leader of this task group has recently advised she is stepping down from her role on the NP due to other work commitments.

However I am pleased to say that Hugh Street has agreed to help with progressing this aspect of the NP. The key priority is a review of the existing BDC Landscape Character Study in order to consider if this provides sufficient information for our NP or whether we need to commission a specialist consultant to conduct a more detailed and specific landscape assessment. We will endeavour to recruit further volunteers to assist Hugh with this part of the NP.

A framework for the overall NP document has been developed and populated with background information on the history of the village and the current situation with respect to areas such as housing stock, transport links, public facilities, businesses and population demographics.

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