




Neighbourhood Plan Update: Why It Matters More Than Ever

The Parish Council, with support from local volunteers, has been steadily progressing with the Neighbourhood Plan—a community-led framework to shape future development in our village. As many of you know, this document will give us real influence over what gets built, where, and how it reflects the character and needs of our community.

Where We Are Now

- The draft policies have been developed, focusing on preserving green spaces, protecting rural character, preserving heritage assets, and ensuring sustainable infrastructure.
- We are currently refining these policies based on feedback and planning evidence, preparing for public consultation with residents later this year and eventual submission to the District Council for examination.
- Preparing the Neighbourhood Plan is an extensive and demanding task, but the Steering Group—guided and supported by the Parish Council—is approaching it with thoroughness and care, ensuring each element reflects the community’s long-term interests.

 **Why It’s Especially Relevant Now** A recent planning proposal for a substantial number of new houses on Green Belt in the Village has been suggested. This raises real concerns about:

- Loss of Green Belt land
- Increased pressure on local roads, services, and schools
- The erosion of village identity and landscape

With an adopted Neighbourhood Plan, we would be in a much stronger position to challenge inappropriate developments and promote alternatives that reflect community priorities. Once it becomes a legal document planning authorities must consider—putting local voices front and centre.

How You Can Support

- Stay informed through Neighbourhood Plan updates.
- Participate in upcoming consultations—we need your views!
- Help spread awareness: the more residents are engaged, the stronger our collective voice.

This plan is your plan. It’s about making sure future growth enhances—not erodes—what makes our village special.

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