

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Progress report to the Parish Council

Two meetings of the group have been held since the last Parish Council Meeting - 13th January and the 2nd February.

- Funding the project is an issue which has caused the group somewhat of a dilemma. A grant of up to £8000 can be applied for in stages (they anticipate two) and the minimum we can apply for is £1000. We have to detail exactly what it is for, consultants, room hire, printing costs etc and no activity can take place further than six months or the end of the financial year (whichever is sooner) from the grant being awarded. The spending of it must be within six months.

We could not have applied for costs for the consultation events because they wouldn't have reached £1000 and as no retrospective funding can be applied for we have been in a catch22 situation. Once the questionnaire has been returned we can plan more as we will be at the start of the financial year and have some idea of any professional help we may need, but time restrictions of spending within six months will put pressure on the group.

- Questionnaire update: After extensive discussion within the full group, a working party were tasked with drawing up the questionnaire to first draft stage. After feedback from the full group this was further discussed and modified into a second draft at the meeting of the 2nd February. To meet setting and printing costs, it will be necessary to ask the Parish Council for a further £150 and provided we receive this, it is now on target to go out at the end of February to residents of Barrowden and Wakerley.

Group members will hand deliver the questionnaires and collect them or villagers can return them via sealed boxes at the shop and surgery.

Consultation period is from 27th February to the 7th March.

- Stakeholder letter from Barrowden Parish Council and Wakerley Parish Meeting is timed to go out at the end of February when villagers receive the questionnaire.
- NDP Terms of reference have been drawn up and will be an agenda item at the next meeting on the Wednesday 9th March.

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