

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Progress report to the Parish Council

Two meetings of the NP Group on the 9th March and the 6th April have been held since the last report to the Parish Council.

- Terms of Reference for the NDP group have been updated and passed to the Parish Council.
- Status of Questionnaire returns - confirmed at 165 returns on the 6th April, slightly less than counted previously as some questionnaires were returned blank and suggest a return rate of over two thirds of available residents. Some responses from stakeholders are still awaited.
- Data from the returns has been recorded by Gordon Brown and is now being checked for accuracy by other members of the group ready for analysis. Initially the data will be considered by a small number from within the NDP group to generate a list of Issues and Options. In due course these will be challenged by an external expert to ensure that the Issues and Options are backed by the evidence.
- Feedback from the data for villagers is being prepared and should be available during May.
- Funding - GB attended Locality Conference in Birmingham and the grant funding issues we encountered have been highlighted by a number of groups. Government is aware of difficulties, advice given on way forward. It may be possible for a smaller amount of funding for immediate use to be submitted.
- Finance position - no further spending since last update reported on the 9th March.

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