

Longstock Parish Council – Meeting from 8th January 20 Update

Longstock NHP

Vision & Objectives (V&O's)

Following on from last month's update; Plan-et have completed their analysis of responses to our community questionnaire and provided us with a first draft of the Longstock NHP 'Visions and Objectives' (V&O's) - copy attached*.

The SG are now in the process of reviewing the draft to ensure it accurately encompasses the findings of the questionnaire, and provides a clear direction of travel for the SG.

Initial indications are that a number of V&O's require further work. Areas such traffic and affordable housing were key themes in many of residents' responses. Due to the significance of these issues, the SG feel that it's essential to have a much deeper understanding of these subjects and in the case of affordable housing a better understanding of the options that are available to address them.

A couple of the V&O's such as 'community aspirations' and 'challenges', will remain a 'work in progress' for the foreseeable future as they will change and grow as the contents of the plan matures.

Engagement:

The level of response to the community questionnaire highlighted how interested residents are in the development of Longstock now and into the future. As community engagement is key to any NHP the SG felt it was essential to maintain visibility and momentum. The SG are now in the process of planning two 'face to face' community events. These will be duplicated sessions to ensure both working and non-working residents have the opportunity to attend. Provisional dates at the end of March / beginning of April 20 are currently being explored.

Funding:

Now that LPC have approved and adopted the SG ToR's we now need to push on with applying for grant funding. The cut-off date for applications for this financial year is 31st Jan 20.

Angie Filippa

NHP Chair

****Please note: The V&O's are in draft format and still under review by the SG for accuracy so they are not to be shared/ published more widely at this time.***

Actions;

1. Can Mark give an update on grant applications? Is there anything the SG committee can do to speed up the process?