

# STRETE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN *Newsletter No. 2*

The first Open Meeting in the Parish Hall on Thursday 27th August for Strete Neighbourhood Plan welcomed 80 people through the door between 10am and 7:30pm.

This was an encouraging response for our first meeting.

## EXPLANATION

A brief explanation of how a Neighbourhood Plan works was given to everyone who dropped in. The importance for everyone to set out their views and comments on various subjects, for the future of the village, was emphasised.

## GUIDELINE HEADINGS

As a guideline, subject headings were set out on nine tables as follows :

- \* HOUSING
- \* PROTECTED AREAS
- \* ENVIRONMENT
- \* PARKING
- \* COMMUNITY
- \* ROADS
- \* PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- \* INFRASTRUCTURE
- \* COMMERCIAL

Each heading had ideas and suggestions to help people set out their own views on the various subjects.

**It is important to note that Strete Neighbourhood Plan is not JUST about housing.**

Everyone had the opportunity to write down their views and place them in the folder provided, either signed or left anonymous.

This is all part of 'building the evidence' needed to demonstrate the community as a whole has contributed to the democratic process of setting out their wants and don't wants.

*For more information or clarification or to register an interest in joining the Steering Group or Working Groups contact :*

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**Hopefully those who dropped in on Thursday will pass the word on and encourage others to attend and give their views at the next planned meeting on Wednesday 16th September. Again at the Parish Hall between 10am and 7pm.**

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

After the second meeting Parish Council Members propose to form the Steering Group from those who have put their names forward.

The Steering Group will decide how best to make contact with everyone and to encourage the response needed.

With volunteers to make up the Working Groups this will help share the workload.

***ARE YOU WILLING TO PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD - for either The Steering Group or one of the Working Groups?***

The process, in due course, will be for the Steering Group to analyse the views and comments and collate them into a consultation document. This will be sent out to everyone in the parish as a survey to be voted upon.

The process will take several months to move through the necessary stages to ensure sufficient community involvement and evidence gathering has been achieved.

It is hoped that groups of 6 to 8 people could be encouraged to carry out a 'walkabout' around the village to look and comment on all things they see (making notes as they walk around).

This will help build up further evidence on subjects they consider need to be addressed and included in the initial survey document.

The walkabout could end with a grand meeting at a suitable venue ( eg. the Village Green, the Parish Hall, The Kings Arms) to finish off with a Community Get-together.

*Let me know if you have any further thoughts or ideas on how best to address any issue you consider relevant to the parish. They are important.*

***Many thanks for your support.***