

CHOLMONDELEY & CHORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

At a public meeting held on Tuesday, 10 April 2018 in the Coronation Hall, Bickley, residents were asked to decide if the Parish Council should start the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

There were approximately 20 residents in attendance and all 11 parish councillors. The vote was overwhelmingly in favour of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The newsletter is due to be issued in the next couple of months and residents will be asked to express interest in joining the Steering Group.

The Parish Council will consider this matter further at its Annual Meeting on 22 May 2018. In the meantime, the following information might be helpful.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a plan for the local area and provides the opportunity for the community to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 15-20 years in a way that meets identified local needs.

Who is involved in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan?

Legally, it is only the Parish Council which can prepare a Neighbourhood Plan, but this is carried out through a Steering Group which manages and delivers the Plan.

What is the Steering Group?

The Steering Group drives forward the process and will gather issues, comments and concerns from residents in every possible way to build the Neighbourhood Plan.

It will report progress to the Parish Council at each Council meeting.

Who will be on the Steering Group?

The Steering Group will be made up of people with a broad range of skills including, but not limited to:

- Social Media
- Project Management
- Administration
- Planning
- Design
- Statistics
- Publicity
- Finance
- Events Management
- Leadership
- Report Writing
- Photography
- Online Marketing
- Research

The Group will comprise be parish councillors (probably five) and local residents (up to 20). Membership can be fluid in that if someone finds that owing to personal or business commitments they can no longer continue, the vacancy can be filled by another volunteer.

Will I be paid if I join the Steering Group?

No. This is a voluntary opportunity to help make a difference in your community.

How much time will be taken up if I join the Steering Group?

This will depend on how the Group wishes to work, but typically one meeting a month is a guide.

I'm not sure my skills are relevant – can I still be involved?

The list of skills is desirable but not definitive.

I don't think membership of the Steering Group is for me: can I get involved in a different way?

Yes. There will be many opportunities to become involved in different ways; for example, helping with leaflet deliveries when consultation is undertaken.