

Note to: Parish Council

From: NPSG

Date: 5 November 2025

Subject: NPSG Draft Neighbourhood Plan – Guidance to Councillors

Dear Councillors

You will have received a copy of the latest draft of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) along with this memo. This memo is to aid your understanding and to set out decisions that you will be asked to take at the meeting. A short presentation will be made at the Nov PC meeting to aid discussion.

Background

The current NPSG members are, Jono Stirrup, Anne Watson, Francesca Smith, Guy Soulsby. The document working group includes the above, plus Joanna Poulton. The change of committee members has resulted in some loss of time so we are particularly keen to keep this moving. The change of committee members has undoubtedly had an effect on continuity. Thankfully with the aid of the Clerk we believe we have managed to produce a document that is faithful to its earlier iteration but in a much more easily digestible format for all to understand.

Points to note

1. All policies previously approved were lifted from the old draft, put into the new format and cross checked against minutes of PC policy approvals. Some editing was needed.
2. New chapters are highlighted in green in the contents page. They are:-
 - a. Foreword
 - b. Introduction
 - c. Parish Profile
 - d. Housing Chapter
 - e. Social Amenity & Heritage split into 2
 - f. Business & Economy
 - g. Monitoring
3. Text highlighted in yellow are to alert the authors/editors that these need to be completed. As can be seen there is still quite a bit of work yet to be done.

The PC is asked to approve

- a. The new format and general direction of travel
- b. **All new chapters** but in particular **the Housing chapter**.

If you are short of time please focus on the Housing Chapter. This is where your thoughts are most needed. Alternatively if you wish to discuss or make comment please contact Anne Watson annepwatson38@hotmail.com or Joanna Poulton joannapoulton@hotmail.com .
Thank you.