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Longstock – Your Village, Your Vision

Since we last updated you, Longstock Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) Steering Group have been busy working in the background to prepare for two face to face community engagement events. The main objective of these events was to provide you with more detail on the purpose of having a Neighbourhood Plan, and to discuss how Longstock were approaching the development of their parish specific plan. The events were also seen as an ideal opportunity for you to meet the members of the Steering Group and to ask questions. Unfortunately, due to the events unfolding at the moment regarding Coronavirus we felt, like many other event organisers that we should err on the side of caution and postpone both meetings until further notice. We will definitely revisit these opportunities in the future, so please keep reading the Longstock newsletter for updates and keep your eyes peeled for flyers advertising these rescheduled events.

In other news; you may have become aware of an approach by agents working on behalf of the owner of land to the south and west of Test Valley School to the Parish Councils of Longstock; Houghton and Stockbridge. Contact regarded outline plans to build between 150 and 300 residential homes, primarily on land adjacent to Houghton Road (and therefore within Houghton Parish) however, vehicle access and egress to this site would be made via land situated within Longstock parish. As a proposal of this size would impact on the development of our plan, please let us reassure you that we are keeping a close and watchful eye on the situation.

Going forward, in the near future Longstock NHP Steering Group will be looking to complete a housing needs survey to establish (and evidence) the actual housing need for our parish. The survey, which will be completed independently, will look to establish the overall requirement for both market value and affordable housing within Longstock. The results of this assessment will then be used to provide us with recommendations for the types, sizes and tenures of properties required by our parish. This information will then be incorporated into our plan. Again, over the coming months please keep your eyes peeled for further information on the survey.

Finally, as always, we are always keen for residents join us as either part of the Steering Group, or even just to offer their skills, experience or suggestions on an ad-hoc basis. If you feel like you'd like to know more or perhaps would like to get involved then please email us at longstocknhp@gmail.com

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