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Longstock – Your Village, Your Vision

Since the last Longstock newsletter the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee have been very busy!

On 31st August 2019, we held an inaugural public event at the Longstock Village Fete. An enormous thank-you to those who took the time to say hello and to those who looked to find out more from our pop-up stand. Initial feedback was extremely positive and it was heartening to see how invested Longstock residents are in their community.

The Steering Committee's next goal is to develop solid 'visions and objectives' for our plan. Whilst these three little words may seem innocuous, the vision and objectives are key to ensuring the Longstock plan accurately reflects the wishes of residents.

To garner a starting position, the Steering Committee developed and distributed a simple questionnaire in which we asked, 'what's the best thing about living in Longstock', 'what you would change if you could' and 'what you felt could be a threat to Longstock's future'. We received a fantastic response and again would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their thoughts and ideas. All of your responses have been collated into a single document and we are currently analysing the results in conjunction with our consultants, Plan-ET.

Dates for your diary: In the New Year we will be looking to hold our first public engagement event in Longstock Village Hall. We are very much in the early planning stages of this event, but please keep an eye out for further details.

Your Questions Answered: We've been asked to advise how the Neighbour Plan relates to Longstock's Village Design Statement (VDS) which residents helped to inform a number of years ago. We are currently reviewing the VDS, with a view to making it an annex of our final plan.

A number of you expressed an interest in who we are. I am very pleased to advise that the following individuals make up our Steering Committee;

Chair: Cllr Angie Filippa

Vice Chair: Beccy Soper

Secretary: Aly Warner

Resident: David Smith

Representative of Leckford Estate: Simon Borthwick

Representatives of Longstock Parish Council: Cllr Sophie Walters, Cllr David Burnfield (and as of last month Cllr Angie Filippa).

Our Steering Committee are also being assisted and supported by consultants; Liz Bourne and Becky Hopkinson of Plan-ET.

As you can probably see we are quite a small group. We are always keen for residents join us as part of the committee, 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 more involved then please email us at longstocknhp@gmail.co.uk

Longstock Neighbourhood Planning Committee