



Update on progress with Neighbourhood Plan (NP):

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The NP steering group met again on Thursday 28th August and it was decided to send you a further newsletter to keep you updated on our progress.

On Thursday 7th August, some members of the NP steering group took part in a workshop with Keith Childs, Planning Officer, Purbeck District Council (PDC) at Westport House. Here is a summary of our discussions:

- It was thought that our implementation plan, although very detailed, needed amendment to bring it into line with PDC's idea of a project plan. When updated, we shall make sure that it is published on the website. In the meantime, you are still able to access the original implementation plan on <http://arne-parish-council.sycl.net>
- Funding has now been clarified and, although I am not totally 'au fait' with the implications, our clerk, Amanda Crocker, certainly is. Please contact her if you require any further details. She has already secured sufficient funding for the survey. Thank you, Amanda
- We discussed the draft of our survey, soon to be distributed, We strongly made the point that much thought had been given to the distribution, completion and collection processes and that, on the basis of surveys that had been carried out before, we were confident of a good response from our residents
- When drawing up the plan, we need to identify **what is desirable, then what's essential, then what's realistic**. We had a lively discussion about the process of making decisions at as local a level as possible. It became increasingly clear, however, that we might have to respond to district, county and national priorities. This may seem counter to the localism agenda and a tad anti-democratic, but it was agreed that the process would be both educational and enlightening and that the *desirable / essential / realistic* discussion will be a valuable debate to have
- You may be pleased to know that we do not need to worry too much about the next NP until 2031. That increases the importance of a good response to our survey to ensure the best possible plan now.

Important News:

You should be receiving your parish survey during the week beginning 15th September to be completed within a three week timescale. There will be an opportunity to complete the survey online, if you prefer.

We are arranging another information evening specifically to inform you of the survey's findings. Due to the excellent turnout at our information evening in April, we have decided to use the larger venue of Stoborough Primary School, thanks to the headteacher. The date will be confirmed later but is likely to be in November.

With very best wishes

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