

1. Parish Plan Meeting Deemed a Success

Seventeen people, including six members of the Parish Council, turned up for the meeting on Tuesday 18th November from who's numbers we will eventually be electing a steering group in order to begin the process of defining the future of this Parish.

The evening included a presentation by Krista Harris of Stroud District Council with the help and assistance of Angela Burlow of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council enlightening us as to what a Parish Plan is, the issues involved and the potential of such a Plan and its eventual derivatives in determining the shape and make up of our community in the future. Issues such as Housing, Transport, Roads, Schools, Leisure Facilities and other Social and Economic issues were touched upon, some or all of which may play a part in our plans and desires for the future and could result in action plans and objectives to attain once all of the work has been done the numbers crunched and the final results accepted.

It is also hoped that the final Plan can be adopted by the District Council including a Village Design Statement that may help to influence planning issues for example when SDC are considering development within and on the perimeter of the Parish.

The next step will be to organise a meeting early in December to elect the steering group members and set the wheels in motion. The project will take 12/18 months to complete. If you feel you might be missing out by not being involved then it is not too late to let us know of your interest by contacting the Clerk Anne Rigelsford or one of the Parish Council members, phone numbers on the back of this Newsletter as usual.

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