

Newsletter

COTHERSTONE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

Designation

Following the application in December we received official confirmation in February from DCC that Cotherstone Parish has officially been designated as a Neighbourhood area and work can progress.

The Neighbourhood Plan will be an important document reflecting local issues

identified by you and will sit alongside County and National Planning Policies. It is different from previous policies as it will be statutory and future planning applications will have to comply with NP policies. The preparation of the plan has to follow a set process and the plan will be externally examined prior to a referendum to ensure it meets all the requirements.



Communication

In order to reach everyone with information about the plan, what is happening and when - in addition to newsletters, posters on all the usual notice boards and information in 'Our Cotherstone' there is also a facebook page: www.facebook.com/cotherstoneneighbourhoodplan

Also on the Parish Council web-site www.cotherstoneparishcouncil.org.uk Using all these methods of communication everyone should have the opportunity to be involved. However, please still send e-mail addresses to diane.pennock@me.com so that information can be e-mailed as this is the most cost effective way of spreading information.

Have your say

The first community consultation will soon begin. A questionnaire will be available to complete on-line (via survey-monkey) - the link can be e-mailed. It will be also hand delivered where needed. Everyone's views are vital and a questionnaire can be completed by anyone aged 12 and above.

Events

From time to time there will be open meetings/events/displays to give everyone the opportunity to see what the plan is about, the progress, ask questions etc. Details will be in the next newsletter.

Please watch out for the questionnaire and take a few minutes to complete it; on-line is preferable, and the views and opinions of everyone in the Parish are vital. The first survey will be to get a grasp of things that are important to you.

Logo

Huge thanks to Kieron Goldsbrough for his assistance in the design of the official logo for the Neighbourhood Plan.

We already have a large number of email addresses and this reduces printing costs and saves time – please forward yours to: diane.pennock@me.com

The facilitation group: Diane Pennock, Ian Pennock, Richard Hunter, John Birkett, Lynn Metcalfe, Dreda Forster, Tom Hicks and Ross Law. There is also an 'Action Team' of residents who wish to help in other areas such as distribution of newsletters and questionnaires etc.