

## SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Report to Seend Parish Council & Village at the AGM 20/05/2019

The group started the financial year (April '18) with a new grant application to Locality to enable us to continue our work with Place Studio Ltd. The grant was successful and has meant we have now had a full year working with our consultants and feel we have made significant progress towards completing our Neighbourhood Plan.

Throughout last year to promote various consultations we are in the process of undertaking, we attended many events in the Community.

We started in March with the Lock Open Day in Seend Cleeve and also took part in the following events. Seend Beer Festival, Seend School Fayre, Seend Breakfasts and the Flower Show. The main points of consultation at these events have been on Local Green Space and Community Facilities. At the Seend Flower Show one of our consultants came along and was able to engage with parishioners on any points raised.

The group started off the New Year with a Consultation/Coffee morning and this gave the group the opportunity to present work done to date on:-

Draft Vision & Objectives, Heritage Assets, Local Green Space, Parish Landscape, Character & Design, Valued Views, Community Facilities, Green Infrastructure & Routeways and Highways, plus Future Development in the Parish. A table was also displayed listing the Land Sites put forward to date.

The above consultation material was then made available on the website and has been taken to Seend School for display. There are also paper copies of this material available in a booklet in The 3 Magpies, The Barge, The Brewery & the Seend Community Centre.

This event was well attended and those present spent time looking at the display boards and engaging in discussions with the consultants from Place Studio, SPNPSG members and Vicky Burvill, our Link Officer from Wiltshire County Council. Many contributed ideas and their views on the various topics.

Following on from the January Consultation morning a new site for potential Local Green Space was identified, the green area with trees at the entrance to Dial Close, and we are currently consulting on this site.

As part of the plan we can create a non statutory element called Community Projects.

Highways issues can also be included in this part of the plan along with other projects put forward from the community. If any parishioners have ideas on other projects please let us know.

The group holds open meetings in the Seend Community Centre and we plan to do these approx. quarterly throughout the year. We encourage anyone to come along to these and give us your suggestions & comments. We also have an e.mail address and you can contact us anytime. A report on group progress is also always given at each P.C. meeting.

The group feel very positive with the progress made on the plan and look forward to continuing our work with Place Studio, after we hopefully secure more grant funding at the end of May. We would also like to thank the Seend Parish Council for their continued support and financial commitment again to the S.P.N.P.S.G. in this financial year.

The group is open to any new members, so if you feel you have skills to offer the group please let us know.

I would like to finish by thanking all those group members who have remained committed to the SPNPSG and the work they have done.

Georgina A'Bear

Chair, Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group