

Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Local Green Space Report

Appendix 8 – Dial Close Spotlight Article

See overleaf

The Parish Council appreciates that the results will be disappointing for residents, but we cannot request any further action to be taken by Wiltshire Police or Wiltshire County Council Highways regarding speed enforcement or management based on these results.

SEEND PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

May Update

You may remember that during late summer last year, letters were sent to everyone in the Parish asking for comments on the short list of suggested **local green spaces**. This was to collect evidence on whether the spaces are special to the community, and to ask for suggestions for any green spaces, which had been missed.

For a space to be eligible, it has to be particularly important locally with regard to beauty, wildlife, tranquillity, recreation or historic significance. It must also be small, not an ‘extensive’ area and in, or near, to the community which uses it.

Suggestions were also made at the coffee morning in January. The group have assessed these against national planning policy criteria, and found the **green space** at the junction of the High Street and Dial Close is one which could potentially meet the criteria. We are now gathering evidence from nearby residents to help consider its value to the community. If you also value this green space as part of our High Street scene, please register your support on our website ‘Comments’ page.

We are also undertaking the next stage of consultation in this exercise, by making contact with landowners of the other suggested **local green spaces**. They can comment or object to the proposed **local green space** designation, and their response(s) will form part of the evidence base on which the Steering Group will decide whether to recommend spaces for designation.

The decision will ultimately be up to the Examiner of our draft Neighbourhood Plan. The decision will be based on all of the evidence and information gathered ~ **hence the importance of your views**.

I repeat last month’s appeal for **your suggestions** in establishing a **List of Local Heritage Assets**. This is a way of identifying buildings, structures, sites or landscapes which do not quite meet the criteria for being nationally listed, but which are still of architectural or historical importance in their local area. We can identify and map our Parish’s locally important heritage assets within our Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that planning decisions that directly affect them or their setting are taken into account.

Identification of a Local Heritage Asset in our Parish does not change the existing planning controls that already apply to a building. However, local heritage listing means that the interest of the building or site will be at least a “material consideration” during the planning process.

Historic England sets out criteria to inform what could be appropriate for the list:

Rarity: This can include unusual assets such as traditional signage or industrial relics

Representativeness: Representative of a particular architectural period, architect, movement, company or group of its time, for example railway, Victorian and industrial.

Architectural interest: Of importance in its architectural design, decoration or craftsmanship

Townscape value: walls, fences, railings, street surfaces (including cobbles, setts and grass verges), street furniture.

Group value: Groupings of assets with a clear visual, design or historic relationship (including farmyard and terraces)

Artistic interest: An asset with artistic interest exhibiting some degree of creative skill (including sculpture, decoration, gates, railings, door surrounds, finials and signage)

Historic association: Associated with an historical person or event of acknowledged note (including important local figures or events).

On our website you will find a Local Listing Nomination Form, or you can simply email your idea via the Contacts page. (www.seendparishplan.org).

Once we have a shortlist for the Seend Parish Local Heritage List we will share it with you and undertake consultation with any owners who may be able to provide valuable information, which can influence the decision about whether to add the asset to the Local Heritage List.

All are welcome at the monthly open meetings. The next Committee Meeting will be Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm. in the Community Centre. There will be no open Committee Meeting in May, but there is the PC Village AGM at which Georgina A’Bear will report on our progress. (Some members of the SG meet again between these open meetings to progress the background work, together with our Consultants).

Carola Thorpe on behalf of the S.P.N.P. Steering Group

CHURCH AND CHAPEL NEWS

PASTORAL LETTER

I recently took a short break around the North Norfolk Coastline, where I spent the time mostly walking. It was bliss, being so very close to nature what with trees already in blossom, hares leaping through the fields, the joyful sound of birdsong, the already fading daffodils now interspersed with cowslips, primroses and early bluebells, carpeting the soil, and ... well, it was as good as it ever gets. Cecil Rhodes once said “To be born British is to win first prize in the lottery of life.” How right!

One of my walks took me to the village of Burnham Thorpe, Nelson’s reputed birthplace, and his childhood home. His father, Edmund, had been a long-time rector of All Saints Church, where he was buried, in the chancel. I spent some time looking at the display of two flags from “The Victory” draped at the west end of church, an extract from “The Times” newspaper dated November 7th, 1805 reporting