

Annual Parish Meeting 09 May 2017 : Report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

- Most people in the village are now aware that the Parish is preparing its own NP
- Our Neighbourhood Area (defined by the Parish Boundary) was designated in May 2016
- Since then the Working Party has been engaged in a wide variety of challenging tasks, supported by a number of other residents and second homeowners
- This time last year we held the first of a number of consultation events – an exhibition explaining our plans and the tasks we are planning over the estimated 2 year timetable.
- Since then we have developed a substantial evidence base:
 - Completed a questionnaire survey to identify the views and preferences of parishioners
 - Collected and analysed information about housing, the socio-economic characteristics of the Parish, the natural environment (including the Shoreline Management Plan), our archaeology and heritage assets
 - Carried out a survey of the built environment that will help us to characterise the different parts of the Parish
 - Developed a system (GIS) that allows us to put all of this information onto maps
 - Developed a website
 - Produced a number of substantial reports that are available to view on the website
- We have organised three further exhibitions / consultation events since last May, including a significant event in January this year which attracted almost 60 people and produced some feedback that we will be using to support our policy development work (all of the information produced can be found on the website).
- In addition we have also been holding meetings with statutory and other consultees (including the BCKL&WN, the EA, the NCP, NWT, NRT and local landowners)
- All of the background material is now being drawn together:
 - Following the January Consultation we produced the Vision & Objectives for the NP
 - We have started to map out the future pattern of character areas & land use
 - We are producing a set of draft policies covering heritage, housing, environment, economy, employment, transport and water quality
- Once the current stage of work is complete we will be holding another very important consultation event in order to gather people's views.
- The work on the Plan to date has been supported by a grant from the DCLG and we are in the process of applying for further funding to complete the remaining stages of the work. We have also been promised funding from the Norfolk Rivers Trust and have been given water quality sampling kits by the Freshwater Habitats Trust. The costs to the PC have been minimal.
- If people want further information about the Plan or have any questions in the first instance they should contact Christina Jones via the **Neighbourhood Plan website**
- <http://www.holme-next-the-sea-plan.co.uk>