

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2019

ITEM NO: 12 – Copythorne Parish Council '5 Year Plan' - Update

This report sets out a short update on progress on development of a 5 Year Plan for the Parish and planned further work leading to the Annual Parish Meeting in March

Information

At the meeting on 12th December, the Parish Council considered a report setting out the benefits of developing a 5 Year Plan for the Parish on which the Parish Council could base its forward planning and to act as an aid for future budget decisions. The Plan would be ultimately the property of the 'Community' and as such, should be widely consulted on before finalisation.

As the Parish has never had a Plan of this type, it was determined that in the first instance, we should develop a Plan which was 'within the province of the Parish' and not structured for formal alignment under the regulations with the Plans for the District and County Council. However, we would still wish, in due course, to align our Plan with those of the District and County, given our close relationship with them.

Parish Councillors were invited to join a Working Group to develop the Plan draft and process. A core Working Group of three Councillors - Herra, Chillcott and Lucas - has formed and this report sets out a very brief update and proposed future action.

Update

The Working Group has met twice to commence work on a draft set of ideas.

A template for the Plan document has been set out using the headings identified in the 12th December Report to the Parish Council. These headings may be adapted over time.

Initial discussions have taken place as to the possible means of consultation and the presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), to 'kick start' the consultation process.

Some initial first drafting has taken place, most notably in connection with the introduction to the Parish which 'sets the scene' for our locality and community.

A first idea / draft of a possible Vision Statement for the Parish has been created. This is very much a 'first stab' and is intended as a discussion item and has not yet been edited (see overleaf for the draft)

A further meeting is planned in February to prepare more information to be presented to the March meeting of the Parish Council for approval to use at the APM.

Conclusion

The work on the 5 Year Plan drafting for consultation is progressing. As previously highlighted, other Parish Councillors are warmly invited to join the Working Group for Plan drafting should they so wish.

A further report will come to the March meeting of the Parish Council with proposed content for the APM on 26th March.

Extract:

INITIAL DRAFT OF A VISION STATEMENT FOR INCLUSION IN THE 5 YEAR PARISH PLAN

To be consulted on as a part of the presentation to both the Parish Council and the community (at the APM)

Copythorne Parish is:

- A community where residents enjoy an **excellent quality of life**.
- An **inclusive** community.
- A **vibrant** and **forward looking** community.
- A community where people feel **valued and connected**.
- Is a community where all local **assets are protected** and **new assets are developed** according to need
- A community where our **countryside and access** are **safeguarded**.
- A community where all **community members' needs** are taken into account
- A community which **values its local economy** and those that make it work.
- A community which **welcomes visitors** and helps them to enjoy their time here.
- A community where all our developments are designed to **preserve our environment** while at the same time developing it to ensure the **long-term sustainability** of the Parish.

This is a first cut of a draft and should be viewed as such