

Behind the scenes the group of volunteers have been busy. As is often the case with projects of this sort, they are complex and take longer than we all hope will be the case. Here's what we have achieved so far:

- Village questionnaire distributed and returned with a significantly above average participation rate for this type of exercise
- Clear support was evident for Whitchurch to develop both a Neighbourhood Plan to guide future planning activity in the village and a Community Plan to look more broadly at other aspects of village life
- The Parish Council approved the Steering Group to move forward on both plans – we're now officially called the Neighbourhood Plan Group
- The Whitchurch Neighbourhood Plan (WNP) group members have met with AVDC and consultants who work with villages like Whitchurch to understand what the best type of plan would be for Whitchurch
- We have identified central government grants to cover the costs of development of the Neighbourhood Plan so there will be no call on Parish Council funds
- We have been consulting with our neighbours in Oving and Hardwick Parish Councils to investigate the possibility of including some properties on our boundary in the

Neighbourhood Plan – they won't fully join Whitchurch Parish but they would be included within the WNP

- Now that we have the Neighbourhood Plan underway the group have turned their attention back to the Community Plan and to all the views expressed in the questionnaire
- Many residents offered to support us in this process and will be calling on people very shortly to assist with specific elements across both plans
- During 2020 we will remain in regular contact via the Whitchurch News and updates on our website. Later in the year there will also be information sessions held in the village. We would encourage people to attend and see what is being proposed
- Finally, a reminder that all residents of Whitchurch will be asked for their approval on the final plan via a referendum before it is adopted by the planning authority

Thank you for your continued support!

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