

CHESIL BANK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: ANNUAL REPORT 2022/3

1. INTRODUCTION

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group was established in December 2018 and the serious work started in early April 2019, so work has continued for over 4 years despite the loss of momentum due to COVID restrictions. We have resumed face to face meetings but have also continued to make use of Zoom calls when appropriate.

2. OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- a. The year began with preparation for the Pre-Consultation Process. A survey was prepared on Survey Monkey for the community to give their feedback on the NP and the policies within. To facilitate this drop-in events in each village were held during April & May. An A5 leaflet summarising the NP was delivered to every household in the Parish. The full set of documentation was emailed to 29 external bodies in April, with a closing date of 20th June 2022.
- b. A Grant of £8055 was approved by Locality in early May.
- c. A total of 58 responses were received from the community, 5 being non-residents. 43 responses were in support of the Plan. The comments from the Statutory Consultees were very positive and constructive.
- d. Following approval of the reworked NP by NPSG it was submitted to CBPC for their review in mid-October.
- e. Discussions between the Landowners of the site in Portesham and Magna Housing continued with the production of a provisional plan forwarded by Magna Homes.
- f. Following an Extraordinary Meeting of the CBPC in Mid-November further revisions were made and approval given to forward to Dorset Council in early December.
- g. The full set of Documentation was made available to Dorset Council on the 6th December.
- h. Dorset Council submitted all relevant documents to the External Examiner on the 27th March. His work will take 6-8 weeks to complete.

3. LOOKING FORWARD TO 2023/2024

The External Examiner is due to complete his review of the NP around the 12th May, at which point it is possible that further rework will be required. This will result in an updated NP which will firstly be reviewed by NPSG and secondly forwarded to CBPC for review and approval. Once all parties are agreed then a date will be set for the Referendum, which we are assuming will be held in the summer. Work will need to be carried out to raise awareness of the Referendum, but the organisation of the Referendum itself will be done by Dorset Council.

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