

Farningham's Neighbourhood Plan

As Farningham residents will know, we are in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Steering Group has been set up by Farningham Parish Council (FPC) to produce the Plan but is independent of FPC.

Currently we are in the early stages but the Steering Group is meeting regularly with the next meetings dates at 6.30pm on 24th August and 27th September in the Shand Hall next to the Church. Any Farningham resident is most welcome to join us to discuss key topics; just see what we are planning; or to consider joining the Steering Group or just supporting the Steering Group or its sub-groups.



The key to the Neighbourhood Plan is that it is led by the community and that it reflects the community's aspirations for Farningham. The Plan will cover the whole Parish – so for example reaches as far as, and includes, Button Street, Maplescombe, Farningham Woods and part of Pedham.

It is our opportunity to produce a document that must be taken into consideration when Planning Applications are made, and development is considered giving us a voice in the future of the Parish.

Farningham residents will by now have received a paper copy of a brief questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to us by 7th September (electronically or in paper form as described on the questionnaire) so that your views will count, and will help us to design a Plan that reflects as many opinions as possible.

Over the next few weeks the Steering Group's main focus will be on the following:

- Selection of a Consultant to support us (responses from the 4 that we have approached are expected shortly, with the aim of FPC formally appointing one at their meeting on 10th September)
- Collating and analysing the responses from the residents' questionnaire
- Starting work on the sub-groups which we currently propose will fall into the following categories:
 - Climate, natural environment, health and wellbeing
 - Employment, infrastructure and transport
 - Housing, design and historic environment

We hope to receive questionnaire responses from you – and to see you at our meetings

Please contact the FPC Clerk 07799 256668 or email clerk@farninghamparishcouncil.org if you have any questions or visit our Webpage https://www.farninghamparishcouncil.org/page-neighbourhood_plan.html