

NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD PARISH PLAN - TIMELINE

History

- 2000 approx: The idea of Village Design Statements was promoted (central government initiative). A short presentation of this was made at the Annual Parish Meeting but there was no real interest locally so no VDS was produced for the parish.
- 2003 approx: Parish Plans were introduced, superseding the VDS. An initial public consultation day was held in NP village hall but again no helpers came forward so this did not proceed further.
- 2007 approx: A Parish Plan project was started by one of the then parish councillors - Rachel Watkinson. Some funding was raised from the Parish Council and Clinton Devon Estates (maybe DCC?). This project went as far as a questionnaire but the response rate was low and the project was shelved.
- Late 2009: It was again proposed that a Parish Plan should be produced. The parish council agreed and a Steering Group was set up.
Funding: Some initial funding was allocated by the parish council; our County Councillor provided some funds; funding was also provided by the East Devon AONB Partnership and the remainder of the CDE funding from 2007 project was also made available.
The PC Newsletter published the item, 'Vision for the Future' and publicised the Open Meeting to be held on 16/1/10.
- 2011 approx: Neighbourhood Plans were promoted (central government initiative). The Parish Plan was already well under way so it was decided to complete the then current project.

Evens/Actions

- 16/1/2010 Open meeting re parish plan held in NP village hall.
- 2010-2012 Updates were reported on the parish council website.
Updates were also reported in the church parish magazine.
Updates were regularly given at Parish Council meetings.
- Feb-April 2010: Questionnaire was compiled under guidance of Community Council of Devon. Questions were largely selected from a library of those supplied by the CCD.
- April-June 2010: The questionnaire was delivered to and collected from nearly all households in the parish. Just under 70% of households provided responses.
- July-Nov 2011: Questionnaire data was entered to spreadsheets by DCC. The lengthy delay (5 months) in getting results back due to problems at DCC.
- April 2011 ?? Some funding granted by the AONB Partnership.
- June 2011 Newsletter - Update re progress.
- Dec 2011 Newsletter - Update re progress.
- 28 Jan 2012 Final feedback and consultation on results of the questionnaire - NP Village Hall.
- March 2012 Newsletter - Update re progress; summarised results shown on website.

May 2012 Draft PP passed to EDDC to check facts and figures. Response received (from Frank Woolston) commented on good response rate to questionnaires, formatting. No conflict identified with District policy.

Sept 2012 Draft PP passed to parish council for info and comment.

Sept 2012 Newsletter - Update re progress; final document sent off for printing.

Nov 2012 Plan document distributed to residents.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS - TEXT PRINTED

Newsletter Oct-Dec 2009

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Newton Poppleford and Harpford **Parish Plan Steering Group** recently held its first meeting with representatives from local organisations at the Newton Poppleford Village Hall. The meeting was well attended by 14 representatives, covering a total of 18 local organisations, and many interesting issues were raised.

The representatives will be talking to the members of their organisations about issues of concern in the parish and how they see the parish moving forward. They will be asking for your ideas and opinions. The representatives have been invited to a feedback meeting on Saturday, 2nd January, 2010. If you belong to a local group or organisation, then this is your chance to talk to your group representative (most are listed in the Parish Magazine) about your ideas for the future of the parish.

There will be an Open Drop-In Session at the Newton Poppleford Village Hall on Saturday, 16th January, 2010 from 10a.m.-4p.m. Anybody living (or running an organisation) in the parish is invited to drop in. This will be an interactive session when residents of the parish will have the chance to add their comments to issues and ideas raised so far. The Rural Community Council of Devon will be on hand to support us and to answer questions.

If you have an issue that you need to discuss concerning the future of the parish and are unable to attend the Drop-In Session, please feel free to ring me on 567147 for a chat. Alternatively, you can speak to Shân Merritt or Haylor Lass.

Gill Potter

N.P.& H. Parish Plan Steering Group

Newsletter Jan-March 2010

PARISH PLANNING - HAVE YOUR SAY

Thank you to all the representatives from local groups and organisations who attended the initial meeting at the Newton Poppleford Village Hall during October, and the follow-up and feedback session on 2nd January.

A reminder to all residents of the Parish (this includes Newton Poppleford, Harpford, Venn Ottery and Southerton) that the

Open Drop-In Session will be held on
Saturday, 16th January, 2010
10am – 4pm.

The Rural Community Council of Devon will be attending between 9.00am and 1.00pm, so come early if you can. Tea or coffee will be served. This is your opportunity to have a say in the future of the Parish and to comment on any of the issues raised so far. We hope that this will be an interactive session and we hope to see as many of you as possible.

Should there be an issue you wish to discuss with regard to the future of the Parish and you are unable to get to the drop-in session, please feel free to ring me on 01395-567147.

Gill Potter

NP & H Parish Plan Steering Group

**NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD
PARISH PLAN – Vision for the Future ...!**

As you know, the Parish Plan Steering Group has been working hard on the questionnaire which will soon be delivered to all households in the Parish. The questionnaire is based on all the issues that were raised at the Open Drop-In Session at the Newton Poppleford Village Hall in January and we are hoping to get the questionnaire out to you during May.

We now have the huge task of delivering and collecting the questionnaires. We want to make this as personal as possible and are looking to add to our current list of volunteers. Would you be willing to spare a little time on a couple of days to help by delivering/collecting questionnaires in the road where you live? (Don't worry if you live in a long road – we would try to divide this up as much as possible, so that nobody has to deliver to/collect from too many houses!) If you can help, we would be most grateful. Please ring Gill Potter on 01395 567147.

Finally, when you receive your questionnaire, please do take the time to complete it. We need to get ideas and opinions regarding the future of the Parish from as many people as possible. Thank you!

Gill Potter

Newsletter Oct-Dec 2010

Mention in District Councillor's Column

"I am told by the Parish Plan Steering Group that, following a summer recess, they are back on track with the process and are currently seeking funding for the data input and analysis of the questionnaires."

Newsletter June 2011

Vision for the Future! A Parish Plan.

Good news at last! After last summer's grand effort of producing, distributing and collecting Parish Plan questionnaires (with very much valued support from a number of residents in the Parish), the Parish Plan Steering Group took a well earned break.

During the autumn, we started to look for funding to take the project forward to the next stage of inputting all the data and analysing the results. We applied to the East Devon AONB Partnership, who, although very supportive of our cause, had already reached their quota of funding allocations for the year. For a while it looked as though we would have to do the data input ourselves. We thought about asking for volunteers to help with this daunting task.

However, in the New Year, our County Councillor, Christine Channon, offered us some financial help. She has now matched the £1,000 put forward by our own Parish Council with another £1,000. This has enabled us to get on with the project and I'm pleased to report that the questionnaires are all now at County Hall in Exeter, where the data input is taking place.

The Steering Group is now in the process of submitting a new application to the East Devon AONB Partnership for the balance of funding we require. Fingers crossed ..!

Gill Potter

*Newton Poppleford & Harpford
Parish Plan Steering Group*

P.S. I do give the occasional update to the Parish Council at its monthly meetings in the Newton Poppleford Village Hall.

Newsletter Sept 2011

Vision for the future – the Parish Plan

There really isn't much to report at the moment!

As you probably remember, since acquiring a grant from the East Devon AONB Partnership, a grant from Christine Channon (our County Councillor) and further money from our own Parish Council, we have been able to enlist the help of Devon County Council to do the data input for us. They completed the initial data input fairly quickly but adding all the individual comments has been taking some time.

We hope we shall be able to take this process forward again during the autumn, when we can begin to compile the final document. Fingers crossed!

Gill Potter

Newsletter Dec 2011

Vision for the future ... the Parish Plan

Some good news at last! The data input from the questionnaires, which has been done at County Hall, is now complete and the Steering Group is in a position to take this project forward. The whole process has taken much longer than originally anticipated but most of the hard work is now over and we hope you will have a Parish Plan some time during 2012!

Gill Potter

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Mention in District Councillor's Column:

"To make life even more interesting Newton Poppleford and Harpford is preparing its own Neighbourhood Plan. You will recall that, in 2010, you completed a questionnaire about the community and its infrastructure. The response has been analysed professionally and, I understand, the Steering Group will be presenting a first draft of the results to the Parish Council sometime in the New Year. Neighbourhood Plans will carry considerable weight in the future."

Newsletter March 2012

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

The results of the questionnaire/survey have been collated and summarised, and an open session for public inspection and feedback was held on 28th January in the Village Hall. Approximately 50 people attended the session, many of whom provided valuable additional feedback.

The summarised results are available on the Parish Council website.

The members of the Steering Group identified a few inconsistencies in the results (which occurred during data entry) and are in the process of rechecking the questionnaires to ensure the accuracy of the results.

We hope to have a draft of the actual plan document ready to put before the Parish Council for finalisation in the Spring, and aim to complete the process in time for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

**"The Diamond Jubilee Parish Plan -
The people have spoken!"**

NP&H PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Following the various consultations and feedback sessions held in the parish over the last 18 months, the final version of the parish plan is now at the printers!

We hope to be distributing copies to households in the parish in the next month or so.

PARISH PLAN 2012 – THANKS!

By now you should all have received your copy of the Parish Plan. Producing the Plan on behalf of the Newton Poppleford & Harpford Parish Council was a lengthy process which took between 2 and 3 years. During this period, all members of the Steering Group gave up many hours of their valuable free time to see this process through, with the support of the Community Council of Devon. All of this work was totally unpaid.

In accordance with the wishes of the members of the Steering Group, their names do not appear on the Plan. However, I should personally like to take the opportunity of thanking all the members of the Steering Group for their continued hard work and support. In no particular order these are Haylor Lass, Shân Merritt and Joce Dyer. Without these people in particular, there would not be a Plan as you see it today.

We should say a big thank you once again to all those who kindly delivered and collected the questionnaires and/or delivered the finished documents.

Now that the people of Newton Poppleford & Harpford have spoken and the Parish Plan is complete, I hope we can all look forward to seeing how the Plan will be incorporated into shaping the future of our Parish.

If anybody didn't receive a copy of the Plan and would like one, please ring me on the number below.

Gill Potter, Chair of Steering Group
(01395) 567147

The Parish Plan Steering Group wish it to be known that in no way have they been associated with the more recent SHLAA process, which is a completely separate issue.
