

WHADDON VILLAGE COMMUNITY LED PLAN



Background

In 2001 the then government devised the concept of parish plans and in 2006 the Whaddon Parish Plan Steering Group circulated a very detailed questionnaire. This enabled us to publish a very comprehensive plan which was well received by most villagers and public bodies to whom it was submitted and thus enabled our Parish Council to prioritise many of the issues that villagers felt needed to be addressed.

The Parish Council takes the lead in providing the village with what is wanted and when external help is needed it must seek to convince either South Cambridgeshire District Council, the County Council or other public bodies for resources, all in competition with other communities in the local area. A properly researched village plan is an important tool when dealing with external public bodies.

New plan, new title

This process is now called a Community led plan and is under the guidance of a Steering Group who, on behalf of the Parish Council, have reviewed the last plan and produced a new questionnaire. It is hoped that this will provide a snapshot of the village as it is in 2013 and reflect how villagers would like to see Whaddon develop in the next 5 years.

Community Led Village Plans are designed to last for 5 years and thus a new one is overdue. Our new questionnaire is more concise than before as we don't want to burden residents with a lot of irrelevant or repetitious questions. Of course, Whaddon is a rural village with a small population and there will inevitably be limitations on what is realistically possible. We have, therefore, also tried to avoid questions that might produce responses which are simply not achievable

You decide

Our main objective in producing a new village plan is to allow you, the people who live in Whaddon, to decide how you want the village to develop in the future and to set a range of objectives or targets with priorities where appropriate. Please be assured that this is not just another piece of petty bureaucracy. You will be able to see in the new plan that is produced, that many of the objectives set back in 2006

have been achieved and, for most residents, Whaddon is a better place in which to live.

The answers in the Questionnaire will be analysed and will form the basis of the 2013 Whaddon Village Community led Plan.

Just 15 minutes?

The village plan is important and to put together the best possible product the Steering Group needs your help. We need you to put aside 15 minutes or so to complete the questionnaire as accurately as you can. The more residents in the village that do so, the more we can reflect a village-wide picture of Whaddon and the views that people hold on where we should set our sights. We hope you will help.

So who are the members of the Steering Group?

- Lee Ginger (Chairman), lee.ginger@btinternet.com (01223 208077)
- Ian Blood
- Hayley Coningsby
- Gemma Coningsby
- Kate French
- Mike Monks
- Randall Scott
- Nick Shaw

Questionnaires have been delivered to all households in Whaddon parish. It would be very helpful if you could deliver your completed questionnaire to the address on the envelope or bring it to the Parish Meeting at the Village Hall on Monday evening 22nd April. If that is not possible, an official collector will call to collect after Monday 22nd.

£100 Prize draw

To encourage as many as possible to complete the questionnaire we are inviting villagers to send back an entry to our £100 prize draw when their questionnaire is returned.

**The last questionnaire was completed by 73% of all the homes surveyed.
Let's try to improve on this figure!**