

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY DECEMBER 8TH 2020

ITEM NO: 9 – Parish Design Statement (“PDS”) Update

This report provides a further update on progress towards producing a Parish Design Statement

At the Council meeting on November 14th 2020, progress on the pathway to launch the process of producing a PDS was reviewed. Council signed off the printing and distribution of the “Volunteers required for this exciting New Project” Leaflet to all households in the Parish.

Please also see attached the updated “indicative” PDS Publicity Leaflet Programme timeline.

At the time of writing, the leaflets have been printed and are expected to be posted out to all households in December. Dependent on Royal Mail schedules this may though be delayed until early January 2021 to avoid the leaflet being mixed up with Christmas matters.

Once the leaflet is delivered, hopefully councillors will get asked by local residents who are considering volunteering about the PDS project. I have already been asked by the Clerk for my thoughts on what additional information to pass onto prospective members of the PDS Task Force. So I thought it might be useful to repeat what I said to him here:

1. That it’s being called a PDS rather than a VDS because we have six villages within Copythorne Parish
2. That work on the PDS is unlikely to start until the Spring
3. There is a very helpful “Easy Guide to producing a Village Design Statement” on the NFNPA webpage, just search for VDS. (I’m not clever enough to add the link here!)
4. That this is a stand alone independent Task Force, but will have one Cllr. member
5. And of course they can always ring me!

Recommendation

1. That Council notes the updated “indicative” timeline attached which shows the virtual start up event as happening in early March 2021
2. That Cllr. Chillcott provides a further update on progress to date at the January 2021 Council meeting

Cllr. Graham Chillcott

November 24th 2020

