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WISBOROUGH GREEN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Progress Update

Updating the policies and assessing the proposed development sites form only part of the review process. We will also need to look at the Neighbourhood Plan Vision Statement, Objectives, the Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Table and Community Action Plan to ensure they are up to date and continue to reflect the needs and wishes of the community.

You may think, for example, that some items in the SWOT analysis have changed category, i.e., an opportunity such as "Create additional green/open community spaces and wildlife habitats" has become a strength with the gift to the village of Songhurst Meadow. Or, that a weakness such as "Parking Congestion" is now a threat for the village.

Within the Community Action Plan many aspirations have been achieved and others are in progress. Two new noticeboards have been provided, a wildlife area and new trees are to be planted at Songhurst Meadow, and the old Telephone Kiosk is now our new village Information Centre. A scheme to improve parking and link up new housing and pavements to the school with safer crossing points has been planned and additional soft surfacing in the playground on the Green is in the pipeline. So some items can be ticked off the Action Plan and perhaps new items need to be added, but definitely progress to celebrate.

The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and public consultation event will request your views to provide the knowledge we need to inform and justify the changes made. Please start to think about what is good and bad about the village so that when the questionnaire drops through your door in late May / early June, you will be prepared!

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