



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Residents Neighbourhood Development Plan report 12

Thank you for your support for the NDP and thanks to the Post Office and Village Hall for hosting Post Boxes to gather views on the final draft proposals. It was great to be able to speak to so many of you about the plans you have helped us to draw up and to hear your endorsement of the approach we have taken on your behalf. We are pleased to say that by the end of the consultation process we had over 150 responses from the community. Almost all of these were supportive of the vision and objectives, although there were a few minor suggestions for improvement, for example to emphasise affordable houses, to create new pathways for cycles and walkers and to support better access for those going to the Cricket Club. A significant number of people welcomed the fact that we propose to make improving the bridge at the bottom of Steppey Lane a high priority. The formal part of our work is almost at an end. We will analyse all comments and make changes where needed and we will keep you updated about the progress the plan is making through the next stage. This will be through newsletters and the website. <http://www.lesbury-pc.org.uk>



It is difficult to anticipate how long the next stage will take, but it will end with a formal referendum, which Northumberland County Council will organise. We hope when that is announced you will come out in force to endorse the Neighbourhood Development Plan you have helped to create for Lesbury Parish.

(Thanks to Tom Allen for the two photographs)

Other Parish Matters

Speedwatch

You might recall that last year we started a speed watch scheme to try to discourage drivers from breaking the speed limit when travelling on local roads. The training for new the people, which had to be postponed by the police, is now available for a limited number of people. Anyone interested in being trained, or anyone who was trained in the past and would like a refresher course please email the Parish Clerk at lesburyparishclerk@googlemail.com. with your name, address, email and 'phone number. If you volunteered last year and are still waiting to hear about the course, please email to confirm that you are still interested.

Steppey Lane Bridge



It is likely to be quite expensive to make the bridge accessible, but we are taking advice about what can be done, what it will cost and whether or not there are grants available to us to tackle the work. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Jean Humphrys.

Outline planning applications from Northumberland Estates

Several people came to the Parish Council meeting in January to express their views about the outline plans Northumberland Estates have submitted to develop over a hundred houses in the Parish. The Parish Council opposed these two proposals. You can continue to submit your views to Northumberland County Council using their website planning link, or by letter until the point at which the applications will be determined and that is 28th March 2019. Consultation for statutory consultees such as Highways England closed at the end of January, but everyone else can continue to send in views until the day the decision is to be made. If you have already submitted your response you are allowed to send in additional information if you wish.

New Parish Councillors

We are pleased that several people have shown an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and will let you know the names of our new appointees in the next newsletter.

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Parish Council meetings are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend.