



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The Parish web site is www.lesbury-pc.org.uk

Neighbourhood Development Plan - Previously we made a Parish Plan which, unfortunately, has no legal standing so your Parish Councillors have been considering the feasibility of adopting a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Lesbury Parish (Lesbury, Hipsburn and Bilton.) An NDP is a legal document and must be taken into consideration by the government at local and national level whenever development is being considered for an area. Without an NDP residents will have little influence over developments in the area. Councillors have been in consultation with experts from Northumberland County Council who have given advice on how to put an NDP together.

We are advised that the first step a Parish Council should take is to gauge the level of interest amongst the residents of the parish for an NDP and to ask what developments, if any, they want and where. To that end, a short series of open ended questions have been devised to allow the widest selection of views to be taken (See below) In order for your views to be taken into account would you please complete the questionnaire below (use additional sheets of paper if necessary) and place it in the dedicated box at Lesbury Post Office or give to any Parish Councillor (see below) by November 31st.

A Neighbourhood Development Plan is a legal document which can influence, amongst other planning matters, where new houses, shops, offices should go and not go and what they should look like. An NDP will have a big influence on the future of Lesbury.

1. What are your top three issues relating to land, property and development in Lesbury Parish?

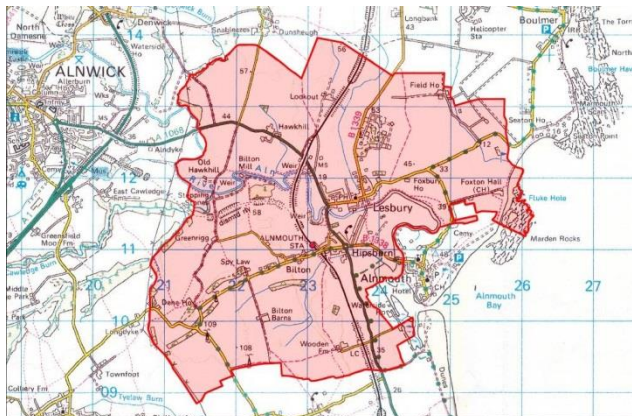
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2. How would you like Lesbury to develop over the next ten years? What is your vision?

Attached is a map of the parish which may help inform your views Our Parish covers a large area and we will need a number of people with different viewpoints and skills to construct the NDP. Would you be interested in joining the team? If so, please let us know by leaving your name and telephone number on the questionnaire.





Removal of phone boxes - Northumberland County Council has received notification from British Telecom that they wish to remove approx. 170 telephone boxes from the County over the next few months. Two of these are in our Parish namely Alnmouth Railway Station (120 users /year) and Lesbury Post Office (107 users / year; data from BT). The PC have objected to their removal as follows:-

Alnmouth Railway Station phone box - people arriving in the area, at a relatively isolated spot, sometimes at vulnerable times and in darkness need to access local facilities such as taxis particularly given the poor transport links. Therefore this phone box is of importance and should be maintained.

Lesbury Post Office phone box - this is located opposite a defibrillator. In an emergency the phone box could offer vital connectivity with emergency services. Individuals can also object via the NCC Planning website or by letter to NCC Planning Department at County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF.

Planning application to re-site recycling facility at Longhoughton Quarry (16/03284/CCM) -

Although not in our Parish this could affect roads running through the Parish as part of the application requests an increase in permitted truck movements. The application states "This current application therefore seeks to increase the maximum permitted road movements, to the recycling unit, to 40 in and 40 out per day (i.e. **34 more** than currently permitted). Including the movements permitted for mineral extraction, this would lead to a maximum of 100 in and 100 out per weekday using the access onto Station Road compared with the 66 currently permitted." Projects served by the quarry to the south and east of the area would mean more vehicles travelling along the B1339 to the A1068 and then onward. At a public meeting held by Longhoughton PC it was concluded that there was no objection to re-siting the recycling facility in the quarry but there was huge concern with regards to the ability of the poor local road network to cope with extra traffic and an increased danger to residents of Longhoughton, Denwick and Lesbury. These Parish Councils will make formal objections to the application particularly on transport grounds but, at the public meeting, it was agreed that numerous individual objections to the application would carry much weight when the application was considered by NCC. Individuals can object via the NCC Planning website or by letter to NCC Planning Department at County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF.



The Northumberland Estates



Northumbria in Bloom - this year the Parish only managed to obtain a silver award which was presented to John Malloy at the NIB ceremony in September. The Coach also got silver but we were pleased to see that Alnmouth Station obtained a well-won gold. We will enter again in 2017 and already plans are being discussed to see if we can improve our offering. Anyone walking by the picnic area by Steppey Lane Bridge may have noticed that a new tree has been planted by the path; it is an Autumn cherry (Prunus x subhirtella `Autumnalis Rosea`) which usually flowers from November to March. It is hoped that once it settles in it will give us some colour to match the autumn leaves. The tree was kindly bequeathed to the Parish by the late Val Brooks and was

planted recently by her friend, Eleanor Morgan, with members from Lesbury WI, Autumn Club, Carpet Bowls Club and Northumbria in Bloom in attendance. Val was a stalwart of the W.I. Carpet Bowls and Autumn Club.

Dementia Friendly Community - Saturday Afternoons Together have been held each month giving an opportunity to meet over tea and cake and enjoy a themed event. The next SAT will be on 12th November and will feature local musicians. Our Christmas SAT will be on 10 December and in January a variety evening is planned. In addition to these, drop-in sessions hosted by members of the Action Group are now taking place on Saturday afternoons from 2 to 3.30 in the Shepherd Hut for anyone who fancies a cup of tea and a chat. Bridge taster sessions led by Ann August have been very successfully held and Joyce Manners will lead an acrylic painting session in November. More events along these lines are planned with details advertised on the notice boards.

Can You Help? - We will be holding an evening of 'friendship, sharing and celebration' on 14th January 2017. The event will be held in Lesbury Village Hall and will take the form of an afternoon tea followed by local people sharing their interests, ditties and talents. So whether you are musical, have a favourite poem, can tell a few jokes or impress with your magic we would like to hear from you. Further details and tickets for the event will be available later in the year.

We are hoping to purchase 2 banners to help advertise and promote our events in the Village Hall. If you know a local business who might like to sponsor a banner in return for having their logo on the banner please get in touch. Contact Carol Southam on 833176 to offer your talents or sponsorship!

Post Office - Now that winter is approaching it is intended to reduce the Post Office /shop hours during the Autumn / Winter months as follows effective from 1st October 2016 (*yes we are a bit late! Ed.*)

Mon 8 am 2 pm, Tues 8 am 2 pm, Wed 8 am 1 pm (post office reporting), Thur, Fr, Sat 8 am 4 pm, Sun 8 am 2 pm

Julie Hewitt left on 1st October to focus on her business activities and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her involvement and to wish her well in her future endeavours. Also a big thank you to all shop patrons for their continued support (and dog walking) which is much appreciated. (*Jill*)

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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.

Help - we need someone to deliver about 40 Newsletters along Lesbury Road-call Bob on 830801 if you can help.