

CLAVERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioner,

Claverley Parish Plan

You might know that our first Parish Plan (2005 to 2015) has now run its course and has been replaced by its successor - the Claverley Parish Plan (2016 to 2025). This new plan is now available for download from the parish website (www.claverleyparish.co.uk/parishplan) and hard copies will shortly be available for viewing in several locations across the village including the Post Office, All Saints Church and from the Clerk to the Parish Council.

You might recall that over ten years ago parish plans were launched by central government as an initiative aimed at encouraging local communities to have a greater engagement with the development of their parishes. Once created, such plans provided both the parish and county councils with a list of priorities for each community and to some extent a work plan for the ensuing 10 years or so.

Claverley Parish Council regarded the last parish plan as very successful and, mindful that it would expire at the end of December 2015, commissioned a small group made up of councillors and other parishioners (Parish Plan working group) to prepare a successor. In doing so the Council recognised that such a huge undertaking by volunteers, on a part time basis, would be a fairly lengthy process and it would likely take a considerable amount of their time to complete.

As Claverley's Parish Plans are "evidence" based, the working group initially spent many hours creating two detailed questionnaires; "The Community Survey" and the "Young People's Questionnaire". Once approved by the Parish Council these were circulated to, and where possible, collected from households across the parish during the summer of 2014. All of the completed questionnaires were subsequently sent to a body outside the parish for independent detailed analysis. The resulting report was considered and then adopted by the Parish Council in the early summer of 2015.

The Parish Plan working group then set about translating the information contained in the questionnaire report into a new Parish Plan. A draft of this new plan was circulated to Parish Councillors for comment during December 2015 and the final version was adopted by the Parish Council at their first meeting in 2016. Both the new Parish Plan and, as an Appendix, a copy of the Questionnaire Analysis Report have been placed on the Parish Council website from where they can be downloaded by parishioners.

I do hope that you can find time to have a look at a copy of Claverley's new Parish Plan and will join with me in thanking the volunteers in the working group for their endeavours and for undertaking this lengthy task on behalf of us all, to the parishioners who completed the questionnaires and the volunteers who came forward to assist in the project. The future work of the Parish Council will again be guided by the new plan over the coming years, and we will try to ensure appropriate features are included in the larger more strategic plans of Shropshire Council. I feel sure that the new Claverley Parish Plan (2016 to 2025) will serve the parish in an excellent way for several years to come.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr. David Cowie

Chairman of Claverley Parish Council