

11th November 2016

Re: Parish / Village Plan

Dear Councillors,

As I am unable to attend the December Parish Council Meeting, I wish to ask you to support the implementing of a Village Plan.

At the village meeting held, the parish council's argument for producing the plan was very convincing, resulting in the parishioners voting / in favour of proceeding.

As reported and is my understanding Councillor Burley has produced / put work into an initial survey ready to distribute to the inhabitants and money as been earmarked for the project.

My reasons behind asking the Parish Council to look favourably on pursuing are:
a Village Plan provides valuable inputs from the community
is a vision for the future of the village as expressed by the inhabitants
is an expression of the social and economic needs of those inhabitants
and is a locally formulated design brief to guide future development.

A Parish Plan would provide positive and pro – active action plans which could feed into statutory local plans.

It is also advantageous to have a plan in place for grant applications.

The idea of a village plan was introduced in the Government White Paper 'Our Countryside'. The aim of the paper was to give people living in rural areas a bigger say in running their own affairs. Every plan is different but issues dealt with can include transport and traffic, housing, planning, crime prevention and facilities.

I feel that such a plan would be an asset for Millington and well worth the effort, so please support the initiative of producing one.

Yours sincerely



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