

## **Housing Crisis Declaration Update**

The Parish Council is concerned that its Housing Crisis Declaration is not being addressed in the way in which the declaration was intended and therefore the Parish Council is currently in the process of clarifying the previous statement and press release, further details will be announced in the near future so keep any eye on our website and Facebook Page.

# Grants for Community Groups and Organisations

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all community groups and organisations that the Parish Council has recently changed its Grant Aid Policy and process. There are now two streams of funding available the Parish Councillor Grant Fund and the Central Fund, so if your group is looking for support, please contact your local councillor or visit the Parish Council's website for more information.

## Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has a vacancy in the Office of Parish Councillor, if you are interested in being a voice for your local community please contact the office or visit the Parish Council's website for further information and an application form.



## **Maintenance & Amenities Operative**

The Parish Council is pleased to introduce to you all Jamie who has recently stepped into the position of Maintenance & Amenities Operative. Jamie has hit the ground running and has already continued to build on improving parish council areas and facilities and the environment within the parish.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Unfortunately, the Parish Council has decided not to continue with the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. In order for the plan to move forward there is still a significant amount of work to be undertaken and associated costs mean this is not financially viable for the gain. The Planning Authority has advised that the Parish Council would need additional technical input as well as revisiting the previous community engagement work, due to the amount of time since the original data was collected and the dynamic of the Parish which has changed considerably since the plan was started. A Neighbourhood Plan forms part of the development plan for the Parish. In addition to writing the document, the Parish Council will need to submit evidence to justify the inclusion of the policies as well as preparing several background documents to demonstrate that the plan meets the required basic conditions. All of which will be examined by an independent examiner, a referendum can only take place if the examiner recommends that the plan should proceed to this stage. Councils are facing a significant increase in housing numbers and the pressure for development the parish has faced in recent years is likely to increase. The only way to minimise it would be to allocate housing sites within the plan, this would not only be a significant amount of work, but it would also require further technical expertise, which would incur further costs.

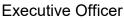
The Parish Council recognises the amount of work and commitment that has gone into the plan to date, and this will not be wasted, it has been agreed to use the information gathered to create a costed business plan with clear action points for the Parish Council.







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