

# **KIRKBY MALZEARD, LAVERTON AND DALLOWGILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **CONSULTATION STATEMENT**

### **APPENDIX A**

#### **INITIAL IDEAS (2019)**

During the latter half of 2019 the Steering Group, whilst working on other aspects of the process, took steps to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan within the community and also seek 'Initial Ideas' as to what residents and others, feel are the 'good' points about the area and what aspects could be improved.

#### **1. LAVERTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (25.03.2019)**

General discussion with residents within the meeting to explain the concept of a Neighbourhood Plan and to provide an opportunity for any parishioner to refer to matters which they felt should be covered within the NP.

#### **Extract from Minutes:**

'The Chair advised that the community would be fully consulted on the Plan in due course but asked if anyone had any initial views on what issues should be covered. A resident questioned the value of the plan considering the amount of work likely to be involved but it was explained that anything which might give the community more influence over Planning matters was worth pursuing. It was agreed that services within the Parish have declined over the years and that this should be halted, as the area could be fully sustainable if the infrastructure was improved. Another resident advised that improvement of the broadband speed was essential, and another asked for land management and natural resource works to be tied in with planning approval, in order that local knowledge of the land could be made use of. The need for local employment was also discussed together with the importance of supporting tourism. It was also suggested that ecosystems needed to be considered and a resident offered to share his expertise on this within the Plan. The Chair explained that a Steering Group was being formed and a Parish Council

Drop-In Session was being held in April covering the Neighbourhood Plan to which everyone was welcomed’.

## **2. PARISH COUNCIL DROP-IN SESSION (20.04.19)**

The Neighbourhood Plan was one of a number of subjects covered at this open meeting and whilst the main intention was to publicise that we were commencing work on this, inevitably topics were raised by residents which they wanted to see incorporated.

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### **INFORMATION DROP-IN SESSION**

CALL IN ANYTIME BETWEEN 10am to 12 noon

SATURDAY APRIL 20 - MECHANICS INSTITUTE, KIRKBY MALZEARD

- Find out about the **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR KIRKBY MALZEARD, LAVERTON AND DALLOWGILL** on which we are about to commence work. Once adopted, it will provide the community with more influence over local Planning issues.
- Let us have your views on how you would improve the **TRAFFIC SYSTEM IN THE PARISH** – we are putting together a ‘Wish List’ of issues to raise with the Highways Department.
- Consider whether you could give your time to help our **FIRST RESPONSE TEAM** who currently need more volunteers to assist the Ambulance Service on 999 calls in the local area.
- Hear about proposals for a **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** to help Local Organisations work together more effectively.
- Discover the latest on what is planned for the **TOUR DE YORKSHIRE** week-end, and how you can be involved.
- Obtain information on **LOCAL ORGANISATIONS** – meet some representatives and collect the Annual Parish Meeting handouts.

We would be delighted if you could call in for a coffee and a chat about any of the above or anything else you would like to discuss.

Following the well-attended Laverton Annual Parish Meeting in March, the **ANNUAL KIRKBY MALZEARD PARISH MEETING** will be held on Monday April 29 at 7pm in the Mechanics Institute. Although organised by the Parish Council Chair and Clerk, this is not a Parish Council meeting – it is best described as a **RESIDENTS MEETING**, where those on the Electoral Register for Kirkby Malzeard Parish can raise and discuss any topic or issue relevant to the Parish. Please come along if you can.



### **3. KIRKBY MALZEARD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (29.04.2019)**

The principal item covered during the Parish meeting were issues around Highway safety with various aspects such as speeding and parking referred to.

#### **EXTRACT FROM MINUTES**

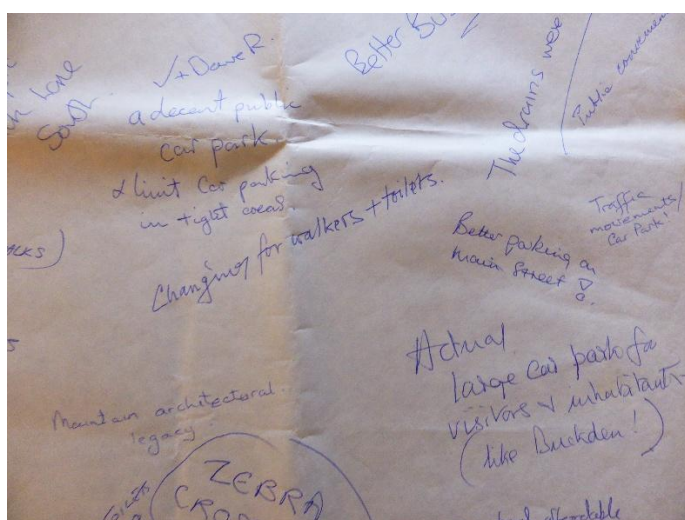
‘Matters which Residents May Wish to See Considered Within the Forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan.

The issue of further housing development in the village was discussed with information also provided by the Chair on the current status of the Laverton Road development and the Appeal regarding the Application for housing at The Grange’.

#### 4. KIRKBY MALZEARD COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY (20.07.2019)

Several of the Group members ran a stall and display at the Community Garden Party in Kirkby Malzeard on 20.07.2019 where leaflets were given out explaining the purpose of the Plan. A sizeable number of useful ideas and suggestions were gathered from those present.

A table top sheet, on which to write comments and suggestions, was produced:



Prior to the event the following notice was published on Noticeboards and on the Community Website:

#### PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – JULY 2019

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

#### What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is a statutory document that will cover Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton and Dallowgill and once it is in place all Planning Applications in the Parish will have to comply with this Plan as well as with the Harrogate Council Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

It will give our local community more control over the type of development which takes place here, so that our Parish remains an area where we are all happy to live and work.

### **How will the Plan be prepared?**

The Parish Council has formed a Steering Group comprising Councillors and residents to undertake this task.

This Steering Group will shortly be commencing a comprehensive consultation programme both to obtain data about the Parish and also to find out what measures you feel the Plan should contain.

### **How will I be involved in the consultation?**

To begin with, at the afternoon Community Village Garden party on Saturday 20 July, there will be an opportunity for you to provide your initial views. And there will be similar opportunities in the weeks ahead.

Then in late 2019/early 2020, members of the Steering Group will be contacting all individuals who live and work here and also talking separately to employers, businesses, local organisations and any other group who might be able to provide a useful input.

### **Would it be possible for me to help the Steering Group in any way?**

If you feel you have expertise to offer and would like to be involved either as a Steering Group member or as a Consultant to whom the Steering Group could refer when needed, please contact any of the Councillors or email [kmlldpc@btinternet.com](mailto:kmlldpc@btinternet.com)

Agendas and Minutes of Steering Group monthly meetings are available on the Parish Council website enabling you to keep up to date with progress on the Plan.

## **5. KIRKBY MALZEARD AND DISTRICT FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW (07.09.2019)**

A September update and questionnaire were included within the catalogue at the Kirkby Malzeard and District Flower and Produce Show on September 7, 2019. Approximately 100 people received the handout/questionnaire, which was also published on village

noticeboards, and whilst responses were limited, those we received were helpful.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Please let us have your ideas on the following:

What are the three best things about this area – what would you like the Plan to protect and preserve?

- A
- B
- C

What are the three worst things - which aspects does the Plan need to try and change?

- A
- B
- C

Please return this form through letterboxes at 'Montreaux' West End, Holly Tree House or Chapel House or scan and email to [kmldpc@btinternet.com](mailto:kmldpc@btinternet.com)

## **6. DRUG AWARENESS MEETING – MECHANICS INSTITUTE VILLAGE HALL, KIRKBY MALZEARD (10.12.2019)**

A stand and display were provided at the Parish Council's Drug Awareness meeting on 10.12.2019, where a December update was handed out. The meeting was not well attended but it did provide some further publicity and feedback, with the Update again being published on noticeboards in Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton and Dallowgill.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE DECEMBER 2019**

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### **How will the Plan be prepared?**

The Parish Council has formed a Steering Group (comprising Councillors and residents) to undertake this task and they are currently preparing a Public Consultation document. This will provide data about the Parish and most importantly find out what measures you feel the Plan should contain.

### **How will I be involved in the consultation?**

The Public Consultation will take place in early 2020. Members of the Steering Group will be consulting with all individuals who live and work here. At the same time they will be talking to employers, businesses, local organisations and any other group who might also be able to provide a useful input.

### **Would it be possible for me to help the Steering Group in any way?**

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## **7. ISSUE RAISED WITH CHILDREN AT LOCAL SCHOOL**

We also sought to involve children at the local school by asking them what they liked and didn't like about the area where they lived, when they were producing some logo designs for us at the end of summer term.

These are some of the (arguably predictable) responses:

### **Liked:**

Playing fields and Play area

Youth Club

Village shop

### **Didn't like:**

Equipment in Play Area old

Nothing to do after school

## **SUMMARY OF INITIAL IDEAS**

These are some of the Initial Ideas we have received during this stage of the process, which were referred to when preparing the Public Consultation questionnaire published in Spring 2020.

'Improved parking facilities needed on Main Street'

'Some affordable housing for young people'

'Better maintained footpaths in the countryside'

'People should adhere to Speed Limits'

'Wonderful peaceful area with nice people'

'Lots of community events'

'Lovely to have School, Doctors, Shop, Garage and useful tradesmen'

'Public toilets for walkers and visitors'

'Maintain Architectural legacy'

'Zebra crossing near school entrance'

'Large car park like Buckden'

'Encourage Community spirit'

'Improved bus service'  
'Extend 20mph limit and enforce it'  
'Upgraded sewer system needed in Kirkby'  
'Less traffic on the Back Lanes'  
'Do the street lights have to be on all night?'  
'Lucky to have all the facilities we have'  
'Better gritting needed in Laverton'  
'Bring back the Post Office'  
'More integration for cyclists'  
'Retain the village atmosphere'  
'Wonderful scenery and trees'  
'Restrict parking on narrow sections of Main Street'

Clearly the Parish Council was already aware of many of the issues raised during the Initial Ideas process as a result of its normal day to day communication with the public. The questionnaire produced for Stage 2 therefore also reflected any aspects about which it was aware, which had not been covered above.