**Coldwaltham Parish Council**

**Parish Consultation October 2019**

**In 2014 we published our Parish Plan. Following the elections in May 2019 we now wish to consult again with all our residents over the priorities for the Parish Council. We would be very grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete this brief consultation. Your opinion matters to us, thank you for your time.**

**Please return to the Box in Sandham Hall, email/post to the clerk or post to Guy Nelson 5 Arun Vale , by 1/12/19**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**(Please only complete the one you wish the Parish Council to contact you via)**

**Section 1 In 2014 the Parish Council identified the following priorities from parishioners:**

1. ***Working to preserve our local environment***
2. ***Supporting local community organisations***
3. ***Developing links which enhance our parish e.g. with the South Downs National Park / Police / Horsham Association of Local Parish Councils***

**Do you agree with these priorities ?**

**YES NO No View**

**The Parish Council has undertaken many actions over the last five years including the following:**

1. ***Setting up and maintaining a parish website***
2. ***Campaigning against speeding traffic on the A29***
3. ***Promoting schemes which help to protect local residents e.g. working with the local Police.***
4. ***Consulting with local residents over the SDNP Local Plan***

**What other actions would you like your Parish Council to focus on ? Please use the box below to give the PC your ideas**

Please contact the Parish Clerk 01798 873747 if you need support completing this survey.

**Section 2**

Coldwaltham Parish Council is aware that some parishioners have said they would like a Neighbourhood Plan. There is a lot of information available about neighbourhood plans which we urge you to consider. We have put a few notes below. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

As a Parish Council we know we cannot do this on our own. We would need a team of volunteers from the parish to work with the Parish Council to construct a neighbourhood plan. This would not be a quick process. It would mean attending meetings, collecting information and helping to gain agreement over the content of the plan over several years.

Therefore, we need you to think carefully about this question:

**Are you prepared to join a team to work developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Coldwaltham Parish?**

**YES NO No View**

If a team of volunteers cannot be found, the Parish Council will not be proceeding with developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

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*Thank you for your time. Coldwaltham Parish Council*

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**What is a neighbourhood plan? (A brief summary)**

A Neighbourhood Plan:

• Sets out planning policies for the parish and allows the local community to specify what they expect for the future.

• Written by the local community, NOT the Local Planning Authority.

• Local Planning Authorities and planning inspectors must take account of the plan.

• It has statutory recognition.

**It can include:**

• Required improvements to infrastructure e.g. roads, rail, public transport

• Requirements for affordable, sustainable housing for young and old

• Meeting parish needs in education and medical care

• Improvements e.g. public spaces, amenities and cycle paths

• Protection of wildlife, historic buildings, open space

• Long term, sustainable development proposals for current and future generations

Whilst the Plan will provide a useful tool to help shape the future of the parish, The Neighbourhood Plan ***CANNOT*** prevent new house building, or the amount of new house building in our parish. It cannot change what is in the new SDNP Local Plan. The planning authorities can still determine how many houses we would have to accept in our parish. A neighbourhood plan may only determine where prospective sites in our parish could be proposed.

What it ***CAN*** do is influence new developments, and it enables the Parish Council to engage with local planning applications using the information in the neighbourhood plan.