



Parson Drove

Neighbourhood Plan

Help shape the way Parson Drove grows

A new law was passed a while ago called the Localism Act which gives local communities the power to enhance the planning guidelines produced by their local authority so that growth in their area happens in a way which they see as appropriate. These are called "Neighbourhood Plans".

Parson Drove is a popular and progressive community: we have welcomed many new residents over the years and will continue to welcome them. It may be however that as a community we wish to set limits on the number of house built in any development and require that the development is sympathetic to the character of the Parish. Of course it may be the case that a majority of us are happy to see large developments built in the parish. The Localism Act will, if we follow a set process, permit us to express our wishes in this kind of question. Once we have completed the process our wishes will form part of the formal policies against which planning applications are assessed, and applications which do not meet the set of policies would normally be rejected by Fenland District Council.

The Parish Council has already discovered quite a lot about local views on this kind of issue, but to comply with the set process we have to gather and assess your views again, assemble them into a document which is formally assessed by a planning expert and then a majority of parishioners have to approve it in a vote.

In order to take advantage of this new legal power the Parish Council has set up a Working Group to gather your opinions and to assemble the document on which you will then all vote.

All residents are invited to attend a public meeting on:

Thursday 25th September, 7.30 pm at

The Village Hall

This will start the process of gathering your views on this important topic to ensure that we reflect the wishes of the majority of parishioners in our Neighbourhood Plan.

A Facebook page will be set up which you can visit if you are linked to the internet or alternatively you can ask any member of the parish council to arrange a chat to a member of the working group if you would like more information.