



LESBURY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Residents Neighbourhood Development Plan report 6

It was good to hear the views of those of you who came to one of our three meetings on housing development in Lesbury Parish. Lots of people, quite understandably, were concerned about building near their current homes, but almost everyone who attended agreed that we needed small-scale housing development to meet the needs of young people and the elderly. It was useful to consider different sites and to reach a general consensus about the most suitable areas for building over the coming years. We considered five sites, all had the potential to provide space for blocks of between 5 and 10 houses. All had obstacles to overcome relating to the landscape, drainage and accessibility, but two areas appeared to be slightly easier than the rest to develop. The vast majority of people felt that, given that 25 houses were in the process of being built, we should seek to have no more than 50 additional houses over the next 15 years. It was expected that this would meet the needs of local people and give an opportunity to attract others to the Parish. We also learned that in 2016-17 14 properties were available for sale or rent and around 21 people bidding for each property. Most of those people were from outside Lesbury.

We are fortunate in that we have been given a grant to help us with the next stage of our development. We will use this money to employ a consultant to help us to draw up the technical policies and plans we need for the Neighbourhood Development Plan and to check out that areas we have identified as potential sites for housing are suitable. Alongside this we will be looking for a landscape architect to draw up plans that will ensure that any new development is carefully landscaped with trees and plants and that the location retains the natural beauty of the environment we all enjoy.

You will find more detail about our progress on the NDP website (lesbury-pc.org.uk and then scroll down to the Neighbourhood Development Plan)

The next areas we are focusing on are leisure, environment and education. We will be seeking your views on what to put in the plan as future projects for the community on Saturday 23rd June in the Village Hall at 2pm. Please come and let us know what matters most to you.

When we have gathered your views we will put everything together and hold a further meeting so that you can see the overall picture you have helped us to build up for Lesbury over the next 10-15 years.

In the meantime, please continue to contact us and our champions with your ideas and questions. The more you are involved the more likely we are to produce a plan that reflects your ambitions and aspirations for Lesbury Parish.

Other Parish matters

The new drainage pipe by the River Aln



Those of you who walk along the river-bank will have noticed the improvements to the drainage outlet. The ground has been planted out, the footpath restored and the bench seat is now accessible. We are pleased with these developments, but will continue to monitor as the water flow continues to be high, even in the dry weather.

(Photograph by Tom Allen)

Consultation on Parking Proposals at Alnmouth Railway Station & Hipsburn

Following the public consultation event held by Lesbury Parish Council that looked at different options to address the parking issues at Alnmouth Railway Station and Hipsburn, Northumberland County Council has been working with Lesbury Parish Council and your local County Councillors to develop a parking scheme for the area. Within the next couple of weeks residents of the Hipsburn area will be receiving a consultation letter detailing the proposed changes to parking arrangements, and inviting residents to attend a drop-in session that is being held by the County Council at Lesbury Village Hall from 3.30 to 7.30 on 28th June 2018. Details of the proposals will be on display and Council officers will be in attendance at the drop-in session to answer any queries. Please take the time to respond to the consultation so that your views can be taken into account when deciding on the best way forward to address the current parking issues.

Lesbury Village Hall Taster session, Saturday 7th July 10a.m. until noon

We have over a dozen regular clubs at Lesbury Village Hall covering a wide range of activities and interests. You are all very welcome to come along and try some of these activities on Saturday July 7th from 10.00 until 12.00 for a bit of fun. Current members from some of the clubs will be there to help you and show you what to do. Tea and coffee will be available.



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Parish Council meetings are usually held in Lesbury Village Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month. All residents are welcome to attend.