

Committee: Cabinet

Agenda Item

Date: 17 September

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Title: Clavering Parish Plan

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Barker, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Key decision: **No**

Summary

1. Clavering Parish Council has published a Parish Plan. This report considers its findings and action plan. A copy of the Parish Plan is appended.

Recommendations

2. That Cabinet adopt the Parish Plan as Council Approved Guidance in determining planning applications in the Parish and as background evidence in the preparation of the Local Plan.

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The plan has undergone significant community involvement in its preparation
Community Safety	The plan deals with community safety
Equalities	The plan consulted with every resident
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	The plan deals with sustainability of village
Ward-specific impacts	Clavering

Workforce/Workplace	None
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Situation

6. The purpose of the Parish Plan is as a resource and a reference document for all those deciding the future of Clavering.
7. Key points arising from the Parish Plan are:-
8. Housing: The Plan reports on the response to questions on new housing development. Well over half of respondents (59 per cent) think that Clavering needs more affordable housing and 54 per cent believe there should be more new homes for rent. Well over a third (41 per cent) of households with adults aged 60+believe there is not enough housing suitable for local elderly people.

Only three per cent of respondents agree that they would like to see larger (10+) market housing developments. Infill (1-2 homes) developments are preferred by almost a third of villagers. It's worth noting that 27 per cent of respondents don't want to see any new houses at all – rising to 33 per cent among families with children.

Almost 40 per cent want family homes and almost a third want homes designed for older people. In addition, 17 per cent of respondents support the idea of homes created to house single people – perhaps reflecting both demographic change in our society and the need for affordable properties in this area.

9. Village facilities: The village shop with its Post Office is well used and considered a vital resource. The two pubs and the Fishing Lodge café are also well used.
10. Highways and Traffic: The widening of the 30mph speed limit was successfully implemented in 2013 following the results of the parish plan survey.
11. Business: 13% of the survey respondents run a business in the village, and of those, the vast majority work from home or from premises located within Clavering. 26% of those businesses employ people from the village. Although over a third of respondents would like to see more locally run ventures there were concerns about the impact of additional traffic caused by the expansion of business activity.
12. The Action Plan includes obtaining more information on business and continuing to assess housing needs, specifically for the elderly, and review the need for a design statement.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
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That the Parish Plan is not taken into account as a material consideration	1. Little - Officers will be aware of the plan and will include reference to it in any relevant reports	2. Some - The views of the community are not taken into account, devaluing community-led planning	The Parish Plan is included in a check list of items to consider in preparation of Local Plan and when determining applications within Clavering Parish.
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1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.