



## **LONG ASHTON PARISH PLAN**

It is intended to produce a Parish Plan for Long Ashton. A Parish Plan is a chance for everyone in the parish to express their views on the problems and opportunities facing the parish and to set out our ideas for the future.

The Parish Plan will look ahead over 5 or 10 years and describe:

- action which the parish itself proposes to undertake;
- policies, decisions and action carried out by other bodies which the plan might influence.

If we do this, our views, as a parish will carry more weight with planners, developers and the Parish Council will know your priorities for action.

To create the plan we need your help. Our Parish Plan will involve all age groups and all parts of the parish contributing their ideas for the Plan. We need some more (particularly younger!) volunteers to play a part in the development of the Parish Plan. To be valid the Plan has to be created by all the people of the village.

**To find out more and become involved come to the next Parish Plan meeting at The Royal British Legion Club on 6 September at 7.30 p.m.**

**(Or see the Parish Plan display at the Long Ashton Flower Show on 3 September)**

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Since November 2000, the Government has encouraged the production of Parish Plans as part of its policy to increase individual participation in public life and for public bodies to consult communities about the delivery of services.

The idea of creating a Long Ashton Parish Plan has been presented at a number of village events between April and June 2005. The first dedicated Parish Plan meeting in June attracted over 50 interested people to the pavilion behind the village hall who contributed their ideas on key issues for the Plan to consider.

A further meeting was held at the end of June and some of us agreed to further publicise the idea of a Plan around the village.

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The first (and crucial) hurdle to jump is to gather enough active support in the village to draw up the plan. There is no set number of people, we just need enough to be sure that we can produce something worthwhile, have fun and no one has to work harder than they want to.

DEFRA may provide financial support; but to meet their deadline we have to have draw up a budget and apply by the end of September.

Although there is no firm timetable for drawing up the Plan yet, it is expected that the Parish Plan will be completed in less than 12 months.

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We need help in consulting widely with individuals and organizations to establish a comprehensive list of issues. We are looking for volunteers to investigate issues in some depth and develop realistic options to be put to everyone in the village. For example if you have a particular interest or skills in housing developments or public transport you may wish to take a detailed look at these topics for the village. We will need help with compiling a report and designing, distributing and collecting questionnaires. We will need help with analyzing the results and drawing up the plan. There will also be public meetings and social events to involve everyone.

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Of course once we have a plan we will want to put it into action. But we are not looking that far ahead here.

If you are willing to help in any capacity or wish to raise an issue for consideration, please come to the 6 September meeting. If you can't attend the meeting please Sheila Hardingham at [cllr.hardingham@longshtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:cllr.hardingham@longshtonparishcouncil.com) and we will get in touch.



## **LONG ASHTON PARISH PLAN**

**A Parish Plan .... is the future planning of Long Ashton and Leigh Woods in our hands? Have your say:**

-  Can we protect the green belt surrounding the village?
-  What is the alternative to the morning traffic jams?
-  Will the landfill site continue extending?
-  Is there good access for children throughout the village?
-  Could there be more employment opportunities here?
-  Some community groups want more easily accessible space: can we identify those needs now and be ready when any more development is proposed?
-  Are you fed up with the speeding traffic along your road?
-  Could the area around the shops look more attractive?
-  What can be done about the increasing litter?
-  Is there enough for young people to do?

The list could go on, but these are all issues that can be considered in a Parish Plan. This is a chance for every resident to be pro-active and consider how to improve our community.

There is a possibility of 20,000 new homes being built in Ashton Vale in the next 20 years. To challenge this, a strong parish view needs to be formulated.

Please come and find out how you can have a say in building a strategy for Long Ashton and Leigh Woods:

**Next Meeting Tuesday 6th September  
2005, 7.30pm at Royal British Legion,  
Providence Lane - All welcome.**

If you can't make this meeting (and we do understand that evening meetings are not good for everyone), please contact the Parish Clerk to register your interest, and we will contact you again with future arrangements.

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