

# **Membury Neighbourhood Plan**

2014 - 2028

As part of the coalition government's Localism Policy, *Neighbourhood Plans* were introduced in 2013. The Parish Council has successfully registered Membury parish boundary as our local "Neighbourhood". The Parish Council intend to apply for grants to cover all costs and so this exercise, although hard work for some, should not put any burden upon our Precept (local tax).

Alex Tasker and Nick Yool are the two lead Councillors for the Membury Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan can include as much or as little as we want: it is flexible and can be modified at a later date [providing the changes are evidence based and backed up by local consultation and referendum]: it may deal with any and all issues relevant to us - be they social, economic or environmental issues (such as housing, heritage and transport) - and may be single issue or multiple issues. However anything included must adhere to EU and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and be in accordance with the Local Plan (for east Devon).

Once approved it will be a statutory document.

Our Parish Plan/Parish Appraisal and Design Statement no longer have power to be considered.

The Parish Council believes that both of these works still, in the main, represent the majority opinion concerning heritage, environmental, design, employment and development needs in the parish. Therefore in it's simplest form we could combine the Parish Plan, Design Statement and the recent SHLAA [Strategic Housing and Land Allocation] survey in to a new, revised single document: to become our Neighbourhood Plan.

However, we must refresh the previous evidence, prepare the plan and have public consultation/s and Parish and District Council approval - all the same as was done for the Design Statement.

## **NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR IDEAS, VIEWS AND WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED.**

What do we want for our parish over the next 15 years? What are our key strategic issues that we can and would want to control?

We propose to set up a very small steering group and then co-opt expertise (such as legal, design, local knowledge etc) for specific subjects. If you would like to be considered then please let us know. I would anticipate that our parish website ([www.membury.org.uk](http://www.membury.org.uk)) will be the central information dissemination point of reference - but should we also use Twitter, Facebook and/or Email? We will submit regular reports to the Mercury for consideration.

Remember, this is your plan. Please let us have your views.

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