



A Community – Led Plan for **PIDDINGTON**

OXFORDSHIRE

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Dear All

CLP MEETING

Our CLP group met again last week. The aim in these first meetings is to complete the general house-keeping requirements so that the group can start to focus on the village consultation. Our meeting was attended by Fiona Mullins from ORCC who helped us work our way through these initial stages.

The minutes from the meeting will be shortly on the website. In the meantime the key areas of discussion were:

- How the group would be set up: after much discussion it was agreed unanimously that the group preferred to be set up as a working group of Piddington Parish Council, with the protection this afforded them. Therefore rather than have a constitution the group will produce a set of 'standing orders' reflecting its objectives and requirements. This will be presented to the parish council at its next meeting and will be produced on the website in due course for all to see.
- The group aim to present a draft project plan at the Pantry on August 22nd. This will be a simplified timetable of how the plan will proceed from the set-up of the steering group through the consultation period (including a full questionnaire) and then on to analysis of these results and finally publication of a workable document.
- A budget plan is being compiled which will allow us to apply for funding from the ORCC.
- The group will use the opportunity of the Pantry to talk to villagers and acquire more contact details for these updates.

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on **TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER @ 7.30**. These are open meetings and everyone is welcome to attend and listen to the discussions. The hope is that by this meeting we will have started to discuss how we intend to approach our consultation. Therefore if you have any ideas please do come along.

BROADBAND

There has been some confusion regarding the timetable of works from Gigaclear. We can confirm that unfortunately there was an error in the dates on the update sent out by their marketing department!

Having been in contact with the project manager we can confirm that in terms of schedule, Gigaclear are now aiming to get the cabinet (which will be positioned in the village) live by end of October, this will allow them to carry out testing and make sure the Network is stable with the aim to have the Network build complete and everyone live in December.

The parish council have invited Gigaclear project manager, David Thrower, to attend the next council meeting on Tuesday 18th August @ 7.30pm. David is expected to give a full briefing on the works and there will be the opportunity for some questions at the end. Please note council business must commence no later than 8.30pm.

ALLOTMENTS

We are pleased to announce that John Galloway has agreed to head a group looking to improve and promote the village allotments situated on Lower End. The group aim to look into becoming part of the national allotment association and will work with the parish council to investigate funding options for further improvements.

THE PANTRY

The next Pantry market will be held on **Saturday 22nd August**. They are encouraging donations of surplus vegetables from green fingered villagers for sale on the General Store. If you have anything suitable there will be people on site from 9.00am. The CLP will also have a presence on the day and volunteers will be talking to visitors regarding progression of the plan.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

The parish council agreed in its last meeting to the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. Our parish clerk is now investigating the costs involved to purchase and house it. We believe the cost is likely to be about £1500. The parish council have already received a sizeable donation from within the village and will be applying for a grant from the British Heart Foundation of £400. The village hall committee have agreed to house it on site and power it at no charge. The Pantry group have also agreed to donate 50% of the profits of the next market towards its purchase.

If you would like to make a donation please contact Rosemary Cox (01844 237583).

TIM HALLCHURCH AUGUST PARISH REPORT

Full details will be on the village website. Topics covered include local road closures, The Cherwell Local Plan and children's summer activities in North Oxfordshire.

Please continue to spread the CLP word!!

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