



# A Community – Led Plan for **PIDDINGTON**

OXFORDSHIRE

## **8 things you need to know about the Community Led Plan (CLP)**

### **1. What is a Community Led Plan?**

The CLP is a plan for the future of the village, created by the village community itself. Putting the plan together is a chance for the whole community to express their views about what the village needs. That could be anything from street lighting to a prescription pick up service.

### **2. What are the benefits of making a Community Led Plan?**

It gives the community the chance to define the future of the village. A CLP is evidence of a strong community that has given clear thought to its needs. As the government devolves authority to local areas, a CLP gives a village a much stronger chance of influencing decisions that affect it.

### **3. How does the Community Led Plan get created?**

There are 3 main steps to creating a plan:

- (a) Work out the key areas of interest or concern that villagers have
- (b) Conduct a community survey – this should cover everyone in the village, to canvass as wide a range of views as possible
- (c) Put the plan together based on the survey results

It takes a core team of between 9-15 people to develop the plan. In Piddington, this team is the CLP Steering Group. They're all volunteers and they meet at regular intervals to figure out how to get the information they need to create and run the survey and then to put the plan together on behalf of the village. The SG doesn't own the plan rather they are a fact finding entity whose responsibility it is for producing a final plan that is as true a picture of community sentiment as possible.

### **4. How long does it take to make the plan?**

Realistically, a couple of years is standard, based on how long it's taken other villages. This might seem like a long time, but there's a lot of work to be done. Because it's all about consultation, it takes time to talk to everyone and make sure the plan is representative of the whole community.

## **5. Hang on; is this another Parish Council thing?**

Well, yes and no. The Steering Group does sit under the Parish Council, because that makes life easier for insurance and financial control purposes. But it's a community group. The members of the Steering Group include some Parish Council members, but also a wide variety of people from across the village. We will update the Parish Council regularly of our progress.

## **6. How do I get my say?**

Everyone will have their say once the consultations start later this year. We'll be talking to everyone about village issues. Our aim is to send a village questionnaire out in early 2016 based on these discussions.

In the meantime we'd love for anyone else who's interested to get involved. If there's a burning issue you feel strongly about come along to a meeting.

## **7. Will the plan actually achieve anything?**

We really hope so, or we wouldn't be bothering. At the very least, it should help bring the community together. Plans for other villages have delivered road safety measures, affordable housing, road lighting, upgraded village halls.

## **8. How do I keep up to date with what's going on?**

We'll be working hard to try to make sure that everyone in the village knows about the plan and its progress. You can:

- Sign up for email updates. Contact Francesca ([francesca.darby@btinternet.com](mailto:francesca.darby@btinternet.com)).
- Come along to one of our meetings. They are for anyone to attend.
- Check out the village notice boards for latest news.
- Look out for updates in the parish magazine.
- Check on the village website – [www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/community-led-plan](http://www.piddingtonvillageoxfordshire.org.uk/community-led-plan)
- We're hoping to be on Facebook shortly.

**For email updates please contact Francesca  
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