



www.stradbroke.org.uk

£1 where sold

April 2014 No.401

Neighbourhood Plan

- A Neighbourhood Plan for Stradbroke?
- What does the future hold for Stradbroke?
- What's going to happen with schools?
- How many shops, if any, will we have in 10 years time?
- Will there be any jobs in Stradbroke?
- Will there be any new housing developments? If so what, when and where?



These are some of the fundamental questions that we need to ask in order to prepare a Stradbroke Plan for the next 10 to 20 years. This is the "The Neighbourhood Plan" Planning strategy, policy and decision making in the past has always been "top-down". Local councils having little say in major planning decisions. It was more or less dictated at a higher level. All that changed in 2011 when the government introduced the concept of Neighbourhood Plans. These are prepared locally by the community and then, once endorsed by the District Council, give the community the Statutory Right in law to manage the plan. In other words once the plan is agreed, we the parishioners of Stradbroke, decide what we do and when we do it. Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan is not a trivial exercise. It will take about 2 years to complete and will impact everyone in the village. Consultation is fundamental in order to demonstrate that the plan is what the community wants. If the community does not support the plan it will not be approved and decision making will stay "top-down".

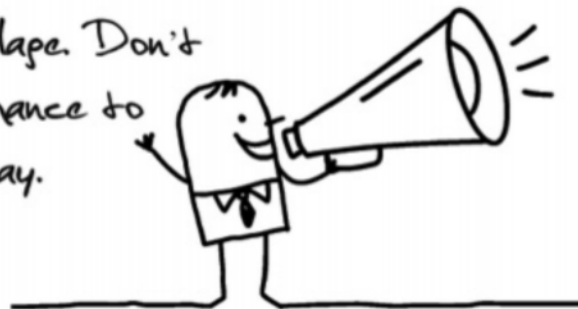
The first and most important consultation meeting is on May 19th. This is when we will decide whether or not to make a plan. Everyone is invited to come to a meeting in the Community Centre to be given the opportunity to discuss the idea, and what it means. At this meeting, after debate and discussion, we will take a decision. If there's no interest or people seriously want to leave decision making with the District Council then this is what the community will decide. If the decision is for a neighbourhood plan to be prepared, we will be asking for volunteers to help and be part of the process.

You will be hearing more about Neighbourhood Planning in due course but put the date in your diary:

May 19th - 7:30pm in the Community Centre

It is your village – come and help in planning the village for the future.

It's your village. Don't miss the chance to have your say.



Don Darling



www.stradbrokemonthly.co.uk

£1 where sold

May 2016

No.422

STRADBROKE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU



The Neighbourhood Plan is a once-only chance for us to give our opinions about how we, the people who live here, want the village to develop in the future. The plan that comes out of your responses in the questionnaire will be a legal document so we do need as many of us as possible to complete it so that we have a full and fair reflection of your thoughts.

By now you will have received your Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire and, maybe, even completed it. It can be filled in either on-line very simply or on the paper copy which can then be returned to the collection box in the library. If you have any questions about the Neighbourhood Plan or the questionnaire or would like some help with it, there will be a helpdesk outside Spar on Saturday, April 30th and a helpdesk in the Courthouse café on Thursday, April 28th and Saturday, April 30th.

Remember that the questionnaire is the opportunity for you to give your opinion about many aspects of Stradbroke and help shape the future of the village so please spare 15-20 minutes completing it.

SPEAK OUT FOR STRADBROKE!

Gillian Rennie-Dunkerley, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee

News & Views

Neighbourhood Plan

A very big thank you to everyone who has completed and returned their questionnaire. We have had an excellent response from 11-16 year olds and from the middle and older generations but not so many from those aged between 17 and 31. If that's you or you know of someone in that bracket who has not yet attempted the questionnaire there is still time as we will add any late responses into our data base as they arrive.

We now have the very important task of analysing what everyone has to say and we are fortunate to have the advice and guidance of an expert to help steer us through this process so that we can produce a meaningful and relevant draft for everyone in the village to comment on when it is written. Naturally, this will take some time but we want to share information with you as we unpeel facts and figures in our analysis. This we will do through regular updates on the village website - www.stradbrokeonline.org.uk - so do keep looking at that as well as feedback in the Stradbroke Monthly. We shall also have a display on the findings from the questionnaire and announcing the winner of the draw at the Stradbroke FestiFall on June 25th and 26th so there is another reason to attend this big event in the village.

The first snapshot of your responses is, however, the message that has come through loud and clear how you all have great affection for our village - you think it is a very friendly, lovely and safe place to live and you are keen to maintain that. There are also strong feelings regarding traffic and broadband/mobile phone reception and when we have crunched the data we will share this more thoroughly with you.

Finally, we would like to thank all those volunteers outside of the committee who knocked on your doors and delivered the questionnaires so effectively. A mammoth task performed with enthusiasm and success by: Martin and Lesley Allison, Mike Marlow, Jane and Dennis Merritt, Keith Lead, Adeleine, Tori and Carol Darling, Carrie Barnes, Brian Loftus Mark Knight, Pam and Mike Cane, Brian Goffey. Gillian Rennie-Dunkerley (Chair of NP Committee) Looking forward to sharing our findings with you.

How To Make Your Pension Go Further

We are all living longer than we have before. This is great news, but the age of retirement has not really changed, so people are having to make their pensions and savings go further in later life.

- Here are some tips on how to help to make your money go further:
 - *Save money on energy bills - Check with your current supplier and see if you could go on a cheaper tariff, or if they're able to fix their prices. Many energy suppliers offer a discount if you pay by direct debit each month, you could also make a saving by switching to paperless billing and managing your account online.
 - *Claim the right benefits - There are a number of benefits that you may be eligible for in your retirement, including Pension Credit, Winter Fuel Payment, and Cold Weather Payment.
 - *Pension Credit - Is an income-related benefit made up of 2 parts - 1. Guarantee Credit and Savings Credit. Guarantee Credit tops up your weekly income if it's below £151.20 (for single people) or £230.85 (for couples). 2. Savings Credit is an extra payment for people who saved some money towards their retirement, eg a pension.
 - *Winter Fuel Payment - You could get between £100 and £300 tax-free to help pay your heating bills if you were born on or before 5 January 1953. Most payments are made automatically between November and December. You usually get a Winter Fuel Payment automatically if you get the State Pension or another social security. If you qualify but don't get paid automatically, you'll need to make a claim.
 - *Cold Weather Payment - If you're getting certain benefits you'll get a payment if the temperature in your area is recorded as, or forecast to be, zero degrees Celsius or below for 7 consecutive days. You'll get a payment of £25 for each 7 day period of very cold weather between 1 November and 31 March.
 - *Save money on travel costs - In England you can get a bus pass for free travel when you reach the female State Pension age, whether you're a man or a woman.
 - *Apply for a concessionary TV licence - Once you or someone you live with are over 74 you are eligible to apply for the over 75 free licence for your household.
 - *Shop wisely - Plan the meals for the week this will help to reduce waste and ensure you buy what you need and are not impulse buying. Also make use of the freezer, cook food in batches that can be frozen and used later. Freeze everyday foods like milk and bread so that can be used when needed and will reduce waste. All these tips can all add up to make savings.

Claire Bewley is a Director at My Care at Home based in Stowmarket Tel: 01449 763086 www.mycare-at-home.co.uk



www.stradbrokemonthly.co.uk

June 2016 No.423



Stradbroke Library Live!

The first Community Arts screening of a live performance West End play is taking place on 11th June at the Court House in Stradbroke. This is a screening of a live stage performance from the 'West End of Billy Elliot: The Musical'.

Set in a northern mining town, against the background of the 1984/85 miners' strike, Billy Elliot is the inspirational story of a young boy's struggle against the odds to make his dreams come true. The story follows Billy's journey as he stumbles out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and whole community and changes his life forever.

Doors open 7pm, screening begins 7.30pm. Tickets are £8. (Please note: Cert 15)

This event is part of the Suffolk Libraries Presents project, which brings quality theatre and exhibition events to Suffolk communities using the latest digital screening equipment.

Suffolk Libraries Presents is an Arts Council England funded project which is being run in seven of the county's libraries with the aim of bringing more Suffolk residents into contact with the arts in a familiar and accessible local venue. Suffolk Libraries is working in partnership with Creative Arts East to deliver this innovative new project.

Maureen John

FestiFall on Saturday and Sunday 25th and 26th June

Make sure you don't miss this year's FestiFall - the family event for everyone in the village.

Adult entry £2.50, 16 year olds and under free.

Over 40 stalls, Demonstrations, Pony Rides, 'Bouncy Castles', Burgers, Ice Creams, Licensed Bar, Hot Drinks & cakes. Win £100 in the Grand Draw - tickets on sale on the day and now in Spar
Junior-5 a side Football Tournament over both days with over 40 teams. Contact - Jayne Cook 01986 798428 to enter teams

Saturday Arena schedule:

- 11:00 Swim & Gym demonstration
- 11:30 Kickboxing
- 12:00 Zumba with Eileen
- 12:30 Waggy Tails - Dog Agility
- 13:30 Tiddlywinks graduation ceremony
- 13:30 Eastern Harriers
- 14:00 Stradbroke Junior Brass Band
- 14:30 Steff the Magician
- 15:00 Majorettes
- 15:30 Stradbroke Junior Brass Band
- 16:00 Fire Service demonstration
- 16:15 Grand Draw and Prize Giving

Sunday: FestiFall continues from 10am with the Market and Refreshments.

13:00 It's a Knockout Wipeout - contact - Julia Green 07796 624768 to enter teams



Roger Turkington

General enquiries to Roger Turkington - 01379 384248.
 Last minute stall enquiries to Martin Allison - 01379 388251



www.stradbrokemonthly.co.uk

£1 where sold

October 2017 No.436

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS



TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017 – 12noon till 4.00

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2017 – 5.00 till 9.00

LOCATION: COURT HOUSE, QUEENS STREET

Pick a site.. any site.. or no site, or all sites?

Stradbroke Parish Council is working towards a development plan and want **you** to be part of it. Come and **give your views** on the **potential development sites within the village** at the Court House.

Come and **see the results** of the recent site **visits by the independent assessors**, hear about **what Mid Suffolk are doing**, and come ready to give your views and **help shape the future of the village**.

Your views will be gathered and used in the Plan as evidence to support **decisions made about allocating sites for development** for the next 20 years;

- when you and your partner have retired and need a smaller home;
- when your children might need their own affordable home;
- when your family might want to move back to the village;
- when your planned family needs good education locally, and after age 16;
- when you want to live on your own.

Whoever you are, or will be in future, your views matter now!

*Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Team
look forward to seeing you*

 **Stradbroke
Parish Council**



www.stradbrokemonthly.co.uk

£1 where sold

February 2018 No.439

Stradbroke Neighbourhood Plan 2016-2036

On Saturday 20th January 2018, Stradbroke Parish Council launched the Regulation 14 pre-submission consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

The Vision of the Neighbourhood Plan:

“Stradbroke’s vision is to be a core village that works for the needs of its residents and surrounding villages by providing good quality housing, educational facilities, business and local retail opportunities. It will achieve this through phased growth of these services, and necessary infrastructure to support that growth. The NPPF principles of sustainable development will govern how to achieve this growth in a planned manner.”

The Parish Council has agreed **12 objectives it needs to fulfil to achieve the vision**. To help the Parish achieve its objectives, the Neighbourhood Plan contains **19 policies to guide development**.

The Parish Council has **allocated 4 development sites to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan**. These 4 sites are expected to generate **between 130 and 222 houses over the next 20 years**, this together with planning permissions already granted will bring growth to the Parish using a structured and managed process.

The complete Draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan, plus supporting documentation will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan pages of the Parish Council website: www.stradbrokepc.org

**A hard copy of all documents will also be available to view in the Stradbroke Library:
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 2pm till 5pm and Thurs/Sat 9am till 1pm**

What Happens Next?

There is a strict process which dictates the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and ensures that the final result represents the true wishes of the community.

We are now entering **the Formal Consultation Period for the Plan**. This will run for 6 weeks until 2nd March 2018. **It is during this time we need your comments on the draft plan**. These can be made by either: completing the comments box on the Parish Council website at www.stradbrokepc.org; or emailing the Clerk at: stradbrokepc@outlook.com; or writing to: *The Clerk, Stradbroke Parish Council, Mill Hill House, Church Lane, Wickham Skeith, Suffolk IP23 8NA*

The deadline for comments is 5pm on 2nd March 2018.

After this period all the comments received are collated and any necessary changes are made to the plan.

The plan is then submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council who will also consult with the public.

After these consultations, Stradbroke’s plan will go to an Inspector who ensures that there are no areas of the plan which contravene other local or national policies that would prevent implementation of the plan.

When this is complete there follows a local referendum on the plan which is the community’s final opportunity to either accept or reject the plan. If the plan is accepted it remains in force until 2036 and guides development in our area with respect to the wishes of local residents.

Parish Clerk

**Stradbroke
Parish Council**

