

Community engagement Working Group – Report to Council

The working group has met twice to date during which time we have developed TOR, outlined an engagement strategy, identified and developed proposals for the priority areas and produced an outline implementation plan.

Our top priorities are:

Reorganisation of the Parish Council website, to fix those areas not working and broaden the content and focus to include non-parish council items that may be of interest to parishioners such as community news, church news etc.

Getting the parish newsletter into production with a similar broad, news-based approach.

There is a small training cost to get the website redevelopment underway. By using the same tools, the training can be utilised in the development of the Neighbourhood Development Plan website, which is critical to the success of that project.

Quotes for the newsletter production and postage are being sought. It is expected that a budget increase will be required for the initial publication, but a cost reduction is expected as we move towards electronic delivery.

We are submitting the following for approval by full council:

1. Terms of reference for the Community Engagement Working Group.
2. Community Engagement Strategy.

If there are no objections, we will continue to redevelop the website and newsletter per the plan.